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## FORAGER 21 TRAINING EXERCISE

U.S. Army Green Berets from the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) watch as a boat moves to their position to conduct nonstandard movement between islands during the Forager 21 training exercise near Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands last July 12, 2021. These training events are part of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Theatre Security Cooperation Program, which is conducted by the U.S. with other nations in the Indo-Pacific region. The U.S. forces increase or enhance their own skills with the opportunity to train in areas geographically and culturally different than that the U.S.

U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. PAUL SALE

## AT A GLANCE

As of 5:16pm, July 14, 2021

### VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population  
Fully Vaccinated: **67.5%**

Days since last community transmission **113**

#### Pfizer/BioNTech

Initiated: **26,130**  
Fully Vaccinated: **24,177**

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Fully Vaccinated: **3,946**

#### Janssen

Fully vaccinated: **484**

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,467	4	8,471
Recovered	8,212	0	8,212
Active	113	4	117
Deaths	142	0	142

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	185	2	187
Traced via Travel Screening	149	2	151
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

## COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

# Medical Referral Program still belongs to CHCC—AG

» **Manibusan says Governor's Office will have to cease processing matters on medical referral**

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The Medical Referral Service Office still belongs to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and was transferred to the Office of the Governor without legal authority, according to Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

In a legal opinion he addressed to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres dated June 21, a copy of which was obtained by

## 'Igisomar looking into concern on Catholic churches' lands'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) has disclosed that the Senate Executive Appointments & Government Investigations Committee is now

Saipan Tribune yesterday, Manibusan recommends that CHCC resume the Medical

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working with acting Department of Public Lands secretary Sixto Igisomar about Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero's (D-Saipan) concern as to whether the CNMI government still has rights to the

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## IPI working on repatriating its Chinese workers

By **KIMBERLY B. ESMORES**  
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REPORTER

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC told the U.S. District Court for the NMI that it is currently in the process of repatriating its Chinese workers.

According to the 26<sup>th</sup> status report filed by IPI counsel Michael Dotts, IPI has been working with the Chinese Embassy to repatriate their Chinese workers.

"For its Chinese citizens, IPI is still waiting for the Chinese Embassy to approve

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## CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

28,607 Fully vaccinated



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Top row, from left, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Business/Community Programs specialist (Area II Office) Anthony Barcinas, Northern Marianas College grants specialist Cecilia Camacho, NMC Capital Improvement Projects director Rachel Fusco, NMC Administrative Services/Facilities administrative manager Shirley Blas, and NMC grants coordinator William "Bill" Torres. Bottom row, from left, USDA Rural Development area director for the Western Pacific Joe Diego, NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and NMC vice president for Administration and Advancement Frankie Eliptico.

NMC

## Local

### NMC receives \$180K USDA grant to buy utility equipment

The Northern Marianas College recently received a \$183,300 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the procurement of vital equipment that will aid in the college's recovery and rebuilding efforts.

The funding will come from USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program with additional support from the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019.

Through the grant, the college will be able to purchase equipment necessary to assist in the recovery of its campus from Super Typhoon Yutu. These equipment include a four-wheel drive pickup truck, utility carts, trailers, forklift, and an articulating aerial lift.

The new equipment will be used by the college's facilities and maintenance department, and will also be used for the institution's construction and maintenance projects.

The new equipment will also aid in faster and more efficient recovery efforts in future storms and typhoons. For instance:

- General post-storm cleanup, fallen trees and branches, dislodged roofing tin, and other debris can easily be tackled with the boom lift throughout the campus.

- The acquisition of trailers and a pick-up truck will aid in transporting scrap material and green waste to des-

ignated waste sites.

- The acquisition of golf carts will allow for rapid response of campus safety and maintenance personnel in emergency situations.

- The acquisition of a forklift will allow for the transport and storage of campus property quickly and safely, especially during pre-storm preparations.

"We are extremely grateful to USDA Rural Development for their support in helping to rebuild," said NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "I'd like to thank Joe Diego and Anthony Barcinas for their support and guidance."

"We are very proud to be NMC's community partner to meet its capital needs," said USDA Rural Development area director for the Western Pacific Joe Diego. "We look forward to working closer with Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero on future capital needs for the college."

The Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program from USDA Rural Development provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas.

An essential community facility is defined by USDA as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. (PR)

### Two new laws allocate funds for Saipan projects, SHEFA, groups

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed last Tuesday the following bills into law:

- **House Local Bill 22-9**, which appropriates \$2,145.73 allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-18 for the installation of two speed bumps on Adobu Drive in Koblerville and \$3,253.65 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-05 for the installation of street lights within the vicinity of the Koblerville Basketball Facilities and the Koblerville Youth Center. This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law 22-04**.

- **House Local Bill 22-12, D1**, which appropriates \$560,000 from revenue collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

The appropriation is broken down as follows:

- \$100,000 to the Saipan Higher Education Finan-

cial Assistance scholarship program;

- \$150,000 for the operations of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation;

- \$50,000 to the Saipan Cares for Animals for the relocation of their facility and operational costs;

- \$30,000 for the payment of plans for a new fire station on the north side of Saipan;

- \$50,000 for the mayor of Saipan for operations and costs associated with their Liberation Day festivities;

- \$15,000 for the Saipan Little League;

- \$15,000 for the Marianas Racing Association;

- \$20,000 for the Office of the Board of Parole;

- \$15,000 for the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History and Culture for its

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# Suda is Road to 80's first raffle winner

By JOSHUA SANTOS

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REPORTER

A 40-year-old woman who is a Saipan resident was Road to 80's winner of \$500 yesterday, courtesy of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign "Road to 80."

Tracy Suda, who goes by the handle "Tss Kiana" on Facebook, was selected among a pool of 2,174 entrants, whose names were placed in a virtual wheel that was spun on Facebook Live at noon yesterday, making Suda the first cash prize winner of the campaign.

Raffle host Brad Ruzsala personally gave Suda the \$500 cash prize yesterday afternoon at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center and livestreamed the handoff on the campaign's Facebook page.

Shortly after being named the winner of the raffle, Suda told *Saipan Tribune* she felt blessed and happy for winning, and urged those who have not received their first or single dose of the COVID-19 vaccine yet to get it "for our community and future generations." Suda also said that Road to 80 already reached out to her.

For yesterday's raffle, entrants had to like the Road to 80 official Facebook page, and like and share a specific post on the page. According to Ruzsala, if the Road to 80 Facebook page reaches 3,000 page likes, there will be another raffle for \$500 today, Thursday. As of Wednesday afternoon, the Facebook page already had 2,500 followers.

Road to 80's next raffle winner will be announced at 5pm on Friday, also on Facebook Live through the Road to 80 Facebook page. This time, the prize will be \$1,000, and the selection pool will consist of first and single dose confirmation numbers of thousands of CNMI residents.

The Road to 80 official Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/roadto80cnmi>.

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# CNMI sends 18 to aid in battle against California wildfires

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REPORTER

The CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services saw off a total of 18 individuals early yesterday morning as they make the journey to the West Coast to join the California Department of Forestry in its battle against the ongoing California wildland fires.

According to DFEMS Commissioner Dennis Mendiola, of the 18 individuals who were deployed to help the California Forestry team, nine were firefighters and nine were civilians.

“On Wednesday, the Department of Fire and EMS deployed the CNMI Wildland Strike Team to California that consists of nine firefighters and nine certified wildland civilians to assist in the Wildland Fire Suppression op-

erations and efforts due to the unprecedented fire season,” Mendiola said.

The nine DFEMS firefighters include Raphael L. Magofna, Linus L. Mizutani Jr., Sixtus L. Aquino, Saturno Kaipat, Justin Paul Mizutani, Christino George, Joseph Lifofoi Jr., Stanley Zacrie Santos Jr., and Roman John P. Camacho.

The nine civilians include Vincent Agulto, Devin De Leon Guerrero, Ryan Garde, Joseph Guerrero, Sammy Litulumar, Henry Aguon, Frederick Henry Lisua Litulumar, and Adolfo Roppu.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, this year’s strike team was the fourth group that the CNMI has sent to the U.S. mainland since 2014 under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Services Cooperative program to help put out the fires along the steep mountain terrains of



A total of 18 individuals, consisting of both Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services firefighters and civilians, left early yesterday morning to make the journey to the West Coast to join the California Department of Forestry to battle the ongoing California wildland fires.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern California.

Last year’s group consisted of 16 DFEMS firefighters and civilians who aided in the battle against

the August Complex, a large wildfire that torched the coast range of Northern California, in Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Tehama, and Trinity

counties. The complex started as 38 separate fires that came together. The fire was started by lightning strike on Aug. 16, 2020.

## July 26 is deadline to comment on management plan for Mariana Trench Marine Monument

By **IVA MAURIN**  
CORRESPONDENT

The Friends of the Mariana Trench is holding a series of free management plan public commenting workshops until Monday, July 26, to assist members of the community who are looking to comment on the proposed plans to protect the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and NOAA Fisheries are soliciting for public comments on the Draft Marianas Trench National Monument Management Plan and Environmental Assessment, and the last day to submit is on July 26.

The two federal agencies, in cooperation with the CNMI government, prepared the draft manage-

ment plan, which intends to provide “a blueprint for managing activities and resources within the Monument, in accordance with the conservation direction of its establishment.”

Six goals are laid out on the plan. These include primarily, the conservation and protection of the marine ecosystems around the islands of Farallon de Pajaros, Maug, and Asuncion; including 21 of the Mariana Ridge undersea volcanoes and thermal vents, and the geologic features and life forms in the Mariana Trench.

The other goals include providing for traditional access to the Monument by the indigenous people of CNMI and Guam for culturally significant, subsistence, and religious uses; and the development of education, interpretation,

and outreach programs to enhance understanding and appreciation of the Mariana Trench.

Another goal is to assess and promote scientific exploration and research, and the adoption of measures to ensure that the Monument’s ecosystems and marine resources are not degraded; assess and provide compatible opportunities for tourism, recreation, and economic ventures; and to contribute to the recovery and protection of all native species.

To meet these goals, 11 action plans are proposed, which included marine resource conservation and monitoring; access and permitting; sustainable non-commercial fishing; cultural and maritime heritage; and public outreach, among others.

Three alternatives are set based

on these action plans, for the next 15 years—Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative where current management activities in the Monument are to continue; Alternatives 2 and 3 both would involve all pro-

posed action plans, but with differing schedule of activities.

To learn more about the plan, or to register for the free workshop to get help in commenting, contact the Friends of the Mariana Trench at (670) 483-3668 or email [info@friendsmarianatrench.org](mailto:info@friendsmarianatrench.org).

## MEDICAL

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Referral Service Office function as permitted by Public Law 16-51.

Manibusan alternatively recommends that the Legislature pass a law authorizing the MRSO to operate within the Governor’s Office under the Executive Branch, in accordance with the NMI Constitution Article 3, Section 15. He said such legislation may include immunity provisions and retroactive effects.

In the absence of such proper legal authorization, the Governor’s Office will have to cease processing matters pertaining to the MRSO, including contracts and payments, until the office is operated with proper legal effect.

Manibusan said the OAG recently examined the legal underpinnings of the MRSO under the Governor’s Office after the Office of the Public Auditor asked about it. In this examination, Manibusan said, it became clear that the MRSO has no enabling law creating that office with enumerated functions and powers. He said the MRSO is treated as a line-item program within budget appropriation laws.

Manibusan said only two laws

specifically mention the MRSO: one pertaining to government-subsidized patient-escort requirements, and the second regarding an exception on government liability under the Government Liability Act.

He said the CNMI Legislature, through Public Law 16-51, established CHCC in January 2010, and specifically empowered the corporation to address medical referral matters, which was previously handled by CHCC’s predecessor, the Department of Public Health, “without any apparent explicit grant of statutory authority.”

He said P.L. 16-51, however, did not create a new medical referral office within the new health care corporation, among other specifically-enumerated functions.

In May 2013, then-governor Eloy S. Inos executed Executive Order 2013-09, ordering CHCC to relinquish responsibility over the Medical Referral Program, with the Office of the Governor taking over the responsibility for the administration and operation of the program. Manibusan said Inos based his legal authority for that executive order on Article 3, Section 15, of the CNMI Constitution.

He pointed out, though, that E.O. 2013-09, did not reallocate an existing office, provided for by law, and

its functions. He said E.O. only re-allocated a CHCC function and essentially created a new office within the Executive Branch, without explicit statutory authority, when “only the Legislature may create a new Executive Branch agency.”

Manibusan said under the CNMI Constitution Article 3, Section 15, the governor can re-allocate offices, but he cannot create an entirely new government entity based on an enumerated function of CHCC.

“It does not matter that the Legislature did not reject the executive order when it was presented,” he said.

The governor, Manibusan said, cannot usurp legislative authority by creating a new office within the Executive Branch.

He said a non-autonomous Executive Branch agency, such as the MRSO, has no rights and no legal authority except that which is provided to it by law.

The AG said the CNMI Legislature never created the MRSO with established functions by law.

Thus, he said, E.O. 2013-09 is ultimately *ultra vires* (done beyond one’s legal power or authority), and the MRSO regulations promulgated by the Executive Branch in the NMI Administrative Code lack legal force and effect.

## IGISOMAR

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lands where Catholic churches in the Commonwealth are built.

After listening to DeLeon Guerrero’s statements about the churches’ lands during the Senate session last week, Hocog said DeLeon Guerrero’s concern has merit and that they are talking with Igisomar to come up with a documentation as to whether or not the Catholic Church owns the lands or not.

The senator said he understands Igisomar will work on the concern and will report that to the Senate once his appointment as DPL secretary is confirmed.

“That is one that I also inquire of him, to seriously look into those areas as we really don’t know the present status of those public lands,” Hocog said.

DeLeon Guerrero underscored the need for the CNMI government to

work possibly with the Office of the Attorney General to check whether the government still has rights to those lands.

DeLeon Guerrero said lawmakers should be concerned because if these public lands are being held as liens to settle a huge case right now against the Catholic Church in Guam, it will affect the people of the CNMI.

Hocog said he is not quite sure who actually owns the land where the Catholic church on Rota is located and those areas that are being used by the public and the church for some activities.

Hocog said they’d like to also ensure that if they provide infrastructure funding for some development projects, then they should know the boundary of their authority and whether they can make improvement or not on some affected lands.

“The acting secretary of DPL is seriously looking into those kind of issues,” he said.

## IPI

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the proposed flights back to China,” he said.

Dotts reported that the target travel dates for these workers is around the end of July or early August.

Dotts also reported that a couple more former employees were repatriated to the Philippines during the reporting period. Other than these,

no major repatriations of former employees took place.

Meanwhile, IPI reports that its payrolls remain up to date with IPI on track to pay the next payroll, which is due on July 16.

During the reporting period, Dotts said no settlement payments were made because the next settlement payment is due on Aug. 1.

In addition, construction work at the Imperial Pacific Resort in Gapan remains suspended.

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operations;

■ \$25,000 for the Haggan/Woong United for Recovery;

■ \$25,000 for the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Sys-

tems, Inc.;

■ \$10,000 for the Saipan Fishermen’s Association;

■ \$20,000 for the Commonwealth Women’s Association;

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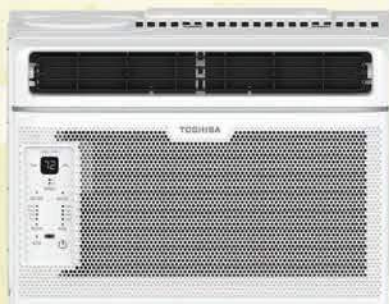
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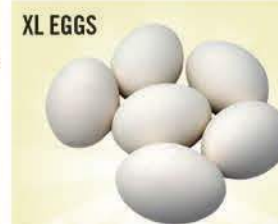
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# Bradley to Legislature: Consider creating exemption to NMI Bar rule

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In order for the CNMI to get off-island lawyers to commit to staying longer on the islands, the Legislature has to consider creating an exemp-

tion—for those who want to stay and work for the government—to the rule that requires them to take the NMI Bar exam after serving the government for four years.

This was the recommendation of Chief Prosecutor John

Bradley, in response to Rep. Donald M. Manglona's (Ind-Rota) question on the turnover rate of assistant attorneys general during last Wednesday's hearing of the Office of the Attorney General's budget before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Bradley, who himself is leaving the CNMI after his contract expires next week, said one of the factors he has frequently dealt with in getting lawyers to either stay or to return is the limitation that's placed upon practicing law here with the government.

Bradley noted that, under the CNMI Supreme Court rules, once a lawyer is sworn in as a government lawyer, it's only good for four years based on the reciprocity agreement. "And so almost immediately,

when someone gets here, they're having to make this decision whether to take another Bar exam," he said.

The chief prosecutor said some people take the local Bar exam, pass it, and enjoy that long-term commitment. "But for other people, that's a challenge," he said.

Bradley said he left the Republic of Palau in part because he was running

up against the same barrier of four years. Bradley had worked with the OAG in Palau for two and a half years. Before that, he was a prosecutor and an elected district attorney in Texas.

Bradley said one of the things that he would recommend is for the Legislature to simply create an exemption to the rule for lawyers who want to stay and work for the government.

"Because they are benefiting your agencies, your entities. And that's one way you can think you can encourage that longevity," he said.

For other lawyers who want to go out into private practice, they should take the local Bar exam and follow all the other rules, Bradley said.

"But if you're working for a government agency, it seems like [making an exception to the rule] might be something you want to encourage people [so they'd stay longer]," added.



Bradley



Manibusan

Bradley recruited lawyers for both civil and criminal divisions while the

Palau attorney general, and assisted in recruiting lawyers and looking at trying to increase retention as chief prosecutor in the CNMI's OAG's Criminal Division for two years.

Bradley said that Manglona is absolutely right that retaining lawyers is a very common, complex problem in the Pacific. He said when he recruits and interviews people, he tries to be as transparent as he can about what the difficulties

they will face challenges.

"Because I don't want them to come here, and not finish the contract or just finish the contract and leave," he said.

He said salary is certainly an issue too, but that there's no way the CNMI can raise that salary to compete with whatever someone's is going to make in the U.S. mainland because it's not the same market.

Bradley said he agrees with Attorney General Edward Manibusan that the advantage of the CNMI is that this place is very attractive. He said of all the places where he has worked, he can easily say this has been the most enjoyable job he has had, both in terms of the office, his interaction with the agencies, but also with the people and the islands. "So your own Commonwealth sells itself very well," Bradley said.

He said anyone who comes here is going to have to deal with the changes in salary.

He said the OAG has very good benefits and that he's impressed that there is health benefits, and retirement benefits for those who stay.

Bradley said he also like the way that government lawyers are compensated to come here and help deal with the transition.

"You get an upfront payment. You do not pay for housing," he said.

Bradley said he and his wife would love to stay here, but he's got a 92-year old father and an 88-year-old mother who are not able to care for themselves anymore. "The guilt kills me," he said.

Bradley said he has three children and a 1-year-old grandchild. "My daughter keeps telling me I'm going to miss her first birthday if I don't come back," Bradley said.

He said Manibusan is very good in allowing AAGs to have vacations, but COVID-19 has really removed that for a while.

Bradley said people have started taking vacations and he believes this will ease some of that pressure.

"In the long run, you have to take people who are willing to commit and willing to engage in a community and not just use this as an internship," he said.

Manibusan said there are many reasons why lawyers come and leave.

"We have a beautiful place to begin with. And this is a great place to work and experience new legal theories," Manibusan said, but one of those reasons is that when the contract ends, lawyers need to go back to their families.

As to salary, the AG said, this is a very competitive field as the CNMI is competing with Guam and other places. He said the salary range depends on the lawyer's experience.

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## First phase of Tinian Harbor rehabilitation now complete

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The first phase of the Tinian Harbor Repair project was completed Tuesday, one of

the many improvements on the island of Tinian that was part of the bargain when the Commonwealth Ports Authority agreed in 2019 to lease a portion of its Tinian property

to the U.S. Department of Defense for a planned “divert airfield.”

According to CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, phase 1 of the Tinian Harbor

Repair project was completed Tuesday and the project cost amounted to \$719,044 just for the materials and supplies.

King-Hinds said the project, which was done by the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, included the installation of vertical marine fenders and 11 bollards. A concrete slab for offloading and loading was also built and patch-up work was done on the existing berm, which had some cracks.

This top side improvement was just one of many phases, King-Hinds said, and CPA has every intent to keep pushing for the complete funding repairs to include the sea wall.

“The Tinian Seaport is a critical economic lifeline for the community and an essential component to many DOD training activities. This type of project is the benefit of what was bargained for when we leased two-thirds of Tinian many years ago,” King-Hinds said.

When CPA entered into negotiations with DOD in 2018-2019 to build an alternative landing field—called a divert airfield—for the U.S. military within the Tinian International Airport, CPA asked DOD to consider what’s called “outside the fence” projects—essentially projects outside the airport but are also CPA properties, such as the Tinian Seaport. “In our discussions, we identified improvements at the seaport as being a priority,” said King-Hinds. “We thank the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 their hard work and service. We also want to recognize our DOD



The first phase of the Tinian Harbor Repair project is now complete. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Hearings start for 12 felons applying for parole

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The CNMI Board of Parole has started the hearings for 12 convicted men and women who are applying for early release at the Vicente T. Seman Department of Corrections facility.

According to chief parole officer Nick Reyes, the CNMI Board of Parole heard statements from six of the 12 convicted individuals who are eligible and applying for early release. The board also heard arguments from the government, statements from friends and families of the parole applicants, and members of the community who oppose the release of these individuals.

Reyes said the board will

hear the remaining parole applicants throughout the week with the parole hearings set to conclude on July 16 with the board granting or denying early release to the applicants.

Also, on July 16, the board will hold a clemency hearing for Price Shoiter, an individual charged with sexual abuse of a minor, at DOC. Then, at 1pm, the board will hold a pardon hearing for Isidro Reyes Lizama, charged with “ice” trafficking, at their office on Capital Hill.

Of the 12 convicts, seven were imprisoned for drug-related cases while the remaining five were involved in violent burglaries and robberies.

The parole applicants include; Huang Rui Jun (“ice” trafficking), Liao Guofeng (“ice” trafficking), Xiao Ping Wang (“ice” trafficking), Ronnie San Nicolas (“ice” trafficking) Paul Anthony Lizama (“ice” trafficking), Felisha Ann Basa (attempted murder, aggravated assault and battery, robbery, and kidnapping), Daniel M. Quitugua (impersonating a police officer, theft), Artemia Gabayero (robbery), Benjamin Lee (burglary), Julian Sablan (burglary, theft), Benigno Sablan (theft), and Juan Tydingco (arrested for fleeing or attempting to elude

a police officer, speeding, and reckless driving).

Of the convicted felons, one of most notorious of the group is habitual offender Benjamin Lee. Chief Prosecutor John Bradley of the Office of the Attorney General stated that the prosecution strongly opposes parole for Lee, as he committed violent crimes. Bradley added that Lee applied for early release just six months ago and was denied and reconsideration of parole should not occur so quickly.

“The sentencing judge found that Lee is manipulative, and incapable of following the law. This parole board has very recently denied early release. Given these aggravating circumstances, the parole board should deny Lee any early release,” he said.

According to court documents, Lee needed a cell-phone to arrange a drug deal so he stole a phone from a bystander. When the bystander attempted to jump into the driver’s side window to retrieve the phone, Lee dragged him along the road.

The burglary occurred while Lee was on bail for a case where he entered a home while a woman and her children were there and stole a bag from the table.

## ‘Re-entry’ program for inmates in the works

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute and Department of Corrections are working on a memorandum of agreement right now that would create a “re-entry program” for DOC inmates, where DOC participants could learn a trade and thus more easily find a job and re-enter society once they get out of prison.

NMTI interim chief executive officer Jodina Attao said she is still in the process of drafting the MoA with the help of DOC’s legal counsel. She said Monday that they are also working closely to determine which inmates would be eligible for the future “re-entry program.”

Attao mentioned the possibility of those on parole and/or probation being eligible for the program, but was unable to provide any further or definite details on Monday. Attao also shared that she last met with the DOC leadership on June 28, and hopes to finish a draft of the agreement by July 29.

Attao said she wants to “flip the script” on the public’s perceptions of those within and released from the DOC, and hopes that the future program will leave participants with valuable skills.

“I want them to feel like they’re a part of the community. ...Instead of focusing on all the negative attributes, we want to try to flip that script and make [the re-entry program] worth their time, so that they can become productive citizens afterwards,” said Attao. (Joshua Santos)

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### EDITORIAL

## Sending troops into Haiti is not the answer

**H**aiti needs many things at the moment. American soldiers are not among them.

Interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph asked for U.S. military help after the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. We understand the request, but it's one that President Biden should refuse.

If the troops would go to provide security, how long would they stay? Haiti hasn't been a secure country for decades, much less a free one.

And what would be the rules of engagement? No one knows for sure who planned and financed Moïse's killing. Given the labyrinthine nature of Haitian politics, soldiers could become targets for competing factions.

Still, there are ways for the Biden administration to help. There also are reasons to support such non-military American involvement.

From 1957 until 1986, the United States supported the dictatorial Duvalier regime. It began under Francois "Papa Doc" and continued under his son, Jean-Claude, known as "Baby Doc."

Under the Duvaliers, corruption and autocracy rose. Conditions for most Haitians worsened dramatically. But because the Duvaliers professed to oppose communism, the United States backed the dictatorship.

We still owe consideration to Haiti because of that support. In addition, roughly half of the 1 million Haitian-Americans live in Florida, most of them in South Florida. Links between here and there are numerous, to the point that South Floridians are accused in the plot to kill Moïse.

Finally, there's a practical consideration. A final collapse could send many Haitian migrants to the United States. As demonstrators turn out in Cuba, it's worth remembering that about 25,000 Haitians came here in 1980, their arrival overshadowed by the Mariel boatlift that simultaneously brought an estimated 125,000 Cubans.

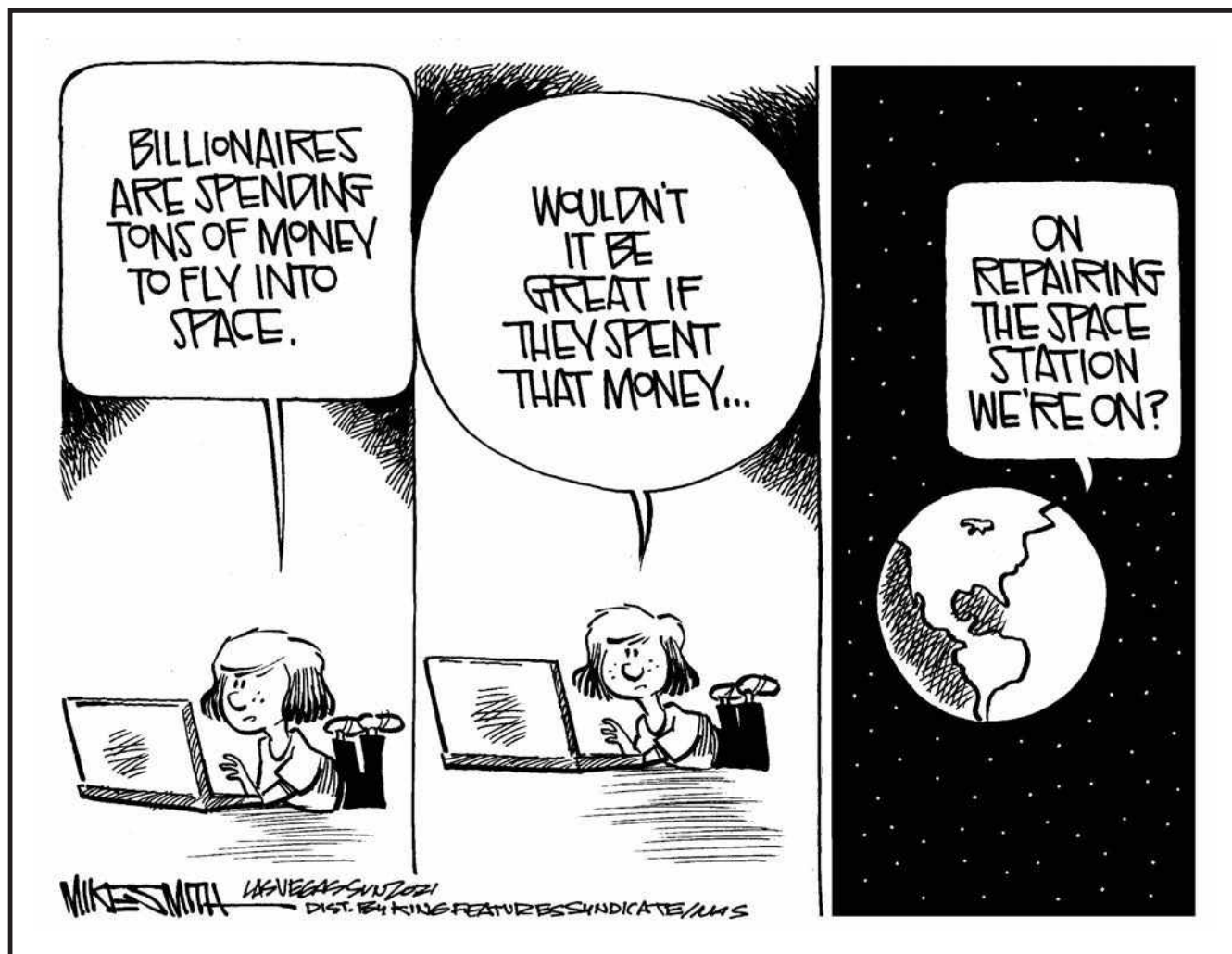
Even if Biden sent troops, and even if those troops restored order, long-term stability might not follow. Recent history supports that pessimism.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide became Haiti's first freely elected president. After a coup removed Aristide, then-President Bill Clinton worked through the United Nations and used military invention—known as Operation Uphold Democracy—to return Aristide to Haiti in 1994 and restore him to power in 1996.

Success? No. Aristide soon became an autocrat himself, despite having promised a people's revolution. He served again as president from 2001 to 2004, when a second coup—that Aristide blamed on the George W. Bush administration—ousted him again.

The United States has sent billions in economic aid to Haiti, especially after the 2010 earthquake. Yet the country continues to deteriorate because there is no functioning civil society. Bob Graham, Florida's former U.S. senator, called repeatedly for Haiti to establish a legitimate police force. It hasn't happened.

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## No joy for Iran over the Taliban romp next door

**S**ometimes, the enemy of an enemy is an even greater enemy. For Iran, the humiliation of the U.S. in Afghanistan brings to the fore a fiercer foe. If the threat from the Taliban is not as existential to the Islamic Republic as the military presence of its most powerful adversary, the triumphant militia nonetheless poses a grave danger at an especially inconvenient moment.

Although Iran has stepped up its diplomatic outreach to the Taliban, the government of incoming President Ebrahim Raisi, facing growing discontent at home amid fading hopes of quick economic relief from the West, must now reckon with renewed perils in the east. The Taliban may have no interest in bringing down the Iranian regime, but its ascendancy in the Afghan civil war is sure to send fresh waves of refugees flooding across the 560-mile border between the countries, accompanied by a spike in drug and human trafficking, as well as increased terrorist activity.

It also endangers trade, which sanctions-shackled Iran can ill afford, and jeopardizes an ambitious railway project that would channel Afghan exports to Iranian ports, and thence to the wider world.

So any sense of schadenfreude in Tehran over President Joe Biden's attempts to rationalize the American withdrawal from Afghanistan will have been stifled by the alarming news that the Taliban has taken control of Islam Qala, a key border post between the two countries. Reports from the area say Afghan security forces and customs officials fled to the Iranian side when the militia arrived.

Islam Qala is not only an important crossing point for bilateral trade, it is also the gateway to the Afghan city of Herat, the location of a large Iranian consulate. In 1998, militiamen allied with the Taliban slaughtered 11 Iranians there, including nine diplomats, bringing the two countries to within a whisker of war.

The Iranians and the Taliban managed to come to a modus vivendi, but relations remained hostile, and not only because of their competing sectarian world views: The mostly Sunni militiamen regard the Shiism of Iran as a heresy. When they ruled Kabul, the Taliban treated Afghanistan's own Shiite minority with extreme brutality. They now claim to tolerate the sect, but terrorist groups that enjoy Taliban protection have stepped up attacks against Shiite targets.

The more practical-minded Taliban leaders have long recognized that Iran is a useful conduit to Western markets for Afghan opium, the militia's main source of revenue. And it's not their problem if some proportion of the drug falls off the back of the trucks to poison the Iranian population. As a direct consequence, Iran has one of the world's highest rates of addiction.

That will almost certainly rise as the Taliban press home their

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advantage against Afghan government forces in the aftermath of the U.S. pullout. Needing more weapons and fighters, the militia will ramp up its opium exports. The effect will be felt in Iran long before it raises the anxieties of Western law-enforcement officials.

Iran is also home to over 750,000 Afghan refugees, and perhaps 2 million more who are undocumented. The guards and officials of Islam Qala will undoubtedly be joined by legions of others as fighting between the Taliban and Afghan government forces intensifies in the months ahead.

And then there's terrorism. Although Iran has provided shelter and safe passage to top al-Qaeda leaders, it is regarded with implacable hostility by many other extremist groups allied to the Taliban. With the Americans out of the way, these groups will look farther afield for fresh targets. This is already raising alarms in China and Russia, but Tehran, by way of proximity and animosity, is the most vulnerable.

The more so because the regime has little leverage with the Taliban. For Iran, Afghanistan represents the weakest link in the network of proxies and partners through which it wields influence in its neighborhood. There is no Afghan equivalent of the Lebanese Hezbollah, the Houthi rebels in Yemen or the Shiite militias in Iraq. Although the Iranians have recruited Afghan refugees to fight — mainly to serve as cannon-fodder — in places like Syria, Tehran has never deployed them in their homeland. A suggestion by Iranian Foreign Minister Jawad Zarif that some of these fighters could help the Afghan government has been brusquely turned down.

Zarif's offer can't have escaped the attention of the Taliban leadership, however. Not that they need any reminding of what they regard as Iranian perfidy — from Tehran's role in the creation of the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance in the late 1990s to its enthusiastic support for the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

So, even as they smiled oleagiously at the Taliban leaders across the table in Tehran last week, the Iranians knew they were facing an old antagonist, newly reinvigorated. Those smiles will not last long.



# Can we please try to get a little less gung-ho in our coverage of rich guys in space?

I was already tired of the gee-whiz coverage of Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos going into space before Branson actually went there Sunday (or, went somewhere close, depending on your definition of space).

But much of the coverage since has absolutely worn me out with its treatment of Branson as a heroic figure and his joy ride some 50 miles above earth as if it was a monumental moment in human exploration and consciousness.

"Really, it's a moment that gives you goose bumps," Rachel Crane, CNN innovation correspondent said Sunday morning on the channel shortly after Branson's craft landed. "As a reporter, we all have those moments that we put in the memory book forever, that we know we're never going to forget, we're going to hold onto the rest of our lives. I have got to tell you, this is one of those for me."

Obviously, Ms. Crane is free to enshrine whatever memories she wants in her memory book, but I don't think I will be slotting Branson's marketing moment on Sunday alongside, say, the U.S. landing on the moon in 1969, in mine.

Others had problems with some of CNN's coverage as well.

"Covering Richard Branson's flight, CNN's Rachel Crane just reported that historically these big technological innovations happen because of rich people. Hmm. NASA, the Internet, mapping the human genome?" Steven Waldman, co-founder and president of Report for America, wrote on Twitter.

Alex Heard, editorial director of Outside magazine, tweeted that "almost everything" Crane said in her reports "sounds like Virgin Galactic wrote it for her."

Virgin Galactic is the spaceflight company founded by Branson. It plans to provide suborbital flights like the one Branson took Sunday to those customers with the means to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to ride on this rich guy's Space Mountain.

"We are at the vanguard of a new industry determined to pioneer twenty-first century spacecraft, which will open space to everybody—and change the world for good," is the way a mission statement from Branson atop Virgin Galactic's homepage puts it.

God save us from rich guys like Branson and Mark Zuckerberg promising their latest moneymaking technological venture is going to change the world for good. And we are in for more talk of how these efforts to privatize and colonize space are a good thing for all of us when Bezos takes a crew into suborbital space on July 20. While Branson's flight went some 50 miles above the earth's surface, which is considered space by several agencies in the U.S., Bezos plans to travel at least 62 miles above the surface, which is the true definition of space, according to several international bodies like Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. I am not sure I care about the distinction or the hyped rivalry between these two rich boys with their toys.

I am with Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, on this one: "Here on Earth, in the richest country on the planet, half our people live paycheck to paycheck, people are struggling to feed themselves, struggling to see a doctor—but hey, the richest guys in the world are off in outer space!" he wrote on Twitter. "Yes. It's time to tax the billionaires."

By **DAVID ZURAWIK**

The Baltimore Sun



David Zurawik is The Baltimore Sun's media critic.

Too much of the coverage of Branson and Bezos so far has promoted the idea that the rich will save us. From the characterization of Branson as some kind of heroic figure to the notion that rich men have led the way in technology that makes life better for all of us, that idea permeated cable TV coverage of the Virgin Galactic flight, especially on CNN.

We have seen it in other areas of American life where we face monumental challenges. During the 2016 presidential election with Donald Trump portrayed as a great and rich CEO based on a manufactured reality TV persona. In the 2020 presidential election, with Michael Bloomberg moving up in the polls based on huge ad buys until his candidacy crashed and burned in a TV debate. It is still being seen by some as a solution to the plight of local and regional newspapers.

The solutions to our problems are not going to be found in suborbital space or in blindly celebrating the rich. They will more likely be found in working together instead of warring with one another here on earth.

## Fixing America's crumbling physical—and human—infrastructure: 3 essential reads

Forget about "infrastructure week"—it's infrastructure summer. Or that seems to be the ambition of President Joe Biden as he barnstorms the country in hopes of selling the US\$579 billion bipartisan infrastructure deal he signed on to. He's making it clear, though, that he's committed to his original plan to spend trillions more—including on what he called human infrastructure.

In Wisconsin, he called the deal the largest federal infrastructure effort since the interstate highway system was created in 1956. Unlike his more ambitious original \$4 trillion plan, the bipartisan deal would focus on physical infrastructure, like roads, pipes and the power grid.

Experts writing for The Conversation have been highlighting areas of America's infrastructure that are in urgent need of attention—as well as the reasons human infrastructure deserves to be treated in the same manner as the traditional kind.

### 1. Lead pipes: A 'silent killer'

The bipartisan deal includes \$55 billion for water infrastructure, including the elimination of lead service lines and pipes.

That's good news, says Gabriel Filippelli, a geochemist and environmental health researcher at IUPUI who has studied the heartbreaking impacts of lead poisoning in children for decades. He calls lead in pipes a "silent killer" that disproportionately affects poor communities of color.

"Children with lead poisoning have lower IQs, poor memory recall, high rates of attention deficit disorder and low impulse control," he writes. "They tend to perform poorly at school, which reduces their earning potential as adults. They also face increased risk of kidney disease, stroke and hypertension as they age."

### 2. Why the US needs a macrogrid

Another part of America's core infrastructure that would get

new investment from the deal is the U.S. electrical grid, including improvements that would make it easier to move power from one part of the country to another.

Today that's not possible because the U.S. has multiple grids that don't interact well, explains James D. McCalley, an electrical engineer at Iowa State University. Connecting those into a macrogrid not only would reduce the cost of power for customers and encourage more clean energy production, it would pay for itself in a few decades.

"We calculated that if the U.S. spent \$50 billion to develop a macrogrid, the total long-term cost of developing and operating the nation's electric power system and achieving 50% renewable electricity in 2038 would decrease by more than \$50 billion," he writes.

### 3. Human infrastructure is infrastructure

Biden's original plan called for \$425 billion for child and home care, areas that aren't traditionally thought of as infrastructure. The bipartisan plan wouldn't devote any money to what Biden has called "human infrastructure," but Biden promised Democrats would try to include this in a separate bill they hope to pass on their own.

Mignon Duffy, a sociologist at University of Massachusetts Lowell, explains why child and home care—and the workers doing those jobs—are just as critical to the nation as roads and bridges.

By **BRYAN KEOGH**

The Conversation



"The pandemic forced many child care centers across the country to shut down, while many home-based nannies and personal care aides were let go because of COVID-19 concerns and precautions," she writes. "The media was full of stories about the crushing burdens faced by working parents—mostly mothers—trying to simultaneously manage caring for children at home. And older adults isolated at home suffered from lack of access to formal home care support as families struggled to meet their needs."

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### They did it again!

The product of a hard work is always an enjoyable and a rewarding one, but not all of what we do that we think is good will last long.

I am referring to our stolen goats many years ago. It seems as if it was just yesterday when that incident happened. Perhaps the person who stole our goats was hungry and needed something to eat. But it made us wonder why all of our 16 goats were stolen.

My husband did not give up hope. On the week of June 14, 2021, he again started repairing the goat fence to try it for the second time and maybe this time, no harm will happen at the farm. On June 18, 2021, the goat fence was completed. Less than a week later, on June 23, 2021, approximately 100 feet of the chain link fence were stolen. Just imagine, the hard work of building the fence was gone overnight. My husband could not afford to repair and replace the stolen side of the fence with another chain link material, so he used tins instead. It looks so weird to see that almost the entire fence is made of chain link except for the stolen

part at the entrance to the farm that is made of tin.

We are dismayed that someone will do such a thing to us again. If there is anyone out there has a grudge against us, please let us face each other so we can understand each other and be at peace.

To make the situation worse, on July 12, 2021, the biggest male (Toru) and the biggest female (Baka) goats were stolen. The goats are still adjusting to their new grazing area and here we already have two stolen ones.

The expenses we incurred for the fencing and the purchase of the goats were not that cheap. Like I said, not everything that we put to good use will last long because there are others that do not appreciate it. We concluded that the person that stole the chain link and the two goats wants to start his own goat farm. The intention is good but the acquisition is bad. All this person has to do is ask us and we will be more than glad to share. Not only did this person make us feel bad but even he will be guilty for the rest of his life. Whoever you are, please respect other's properties. Turn to God, go to church and see the light of Christ.

**Winnie C. Camacho**

Kagman, Saipan

## HAITI

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Biden officials correctly have called for scheduled elections to take place this year, despite the assassination. They should try to determine whether Joseph could become a caretaker leader to a democratic transition and support stabilization efforts by the United Nations and/or Organization of American States.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and the most dependent on remittances. Building from there would require a long-term transformation. Soldiers have no role.









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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## 北马里亚纳群岛联邦发展障碍委员会 2022 – 2026 5年州规划目标和宗旨

每个州发展障碍 (DD) 委员会都被要求向智力和发展障碍管理局 (AIDD) 提交一份五年国家计划, 概述为其基本业务拨款而分配的联邦资金的预期用途。国家计划的重点是通过充分融入和参与社区生活的所有方面来改善发展性残疾人的生活质量。联邦政府希望DD委员会能够确定利用现有资源在五年内可以实现的目标。联邦法律规定, 州计划涉及国会在2000年发展障碍援助和权利法案 (DD法案) 中确立的部分或全部重点领域。

### 重点领域如下:

儿童护理 - 社区支持 - 早期干预 - 教育 - 就业 - 与健康相关 - 住房 - 质量保证 – 娱乐 – 交通

北马里亚纳群岛联邦发展障碍委员会提出的优先事项在我们的五年国家计划中列出, 该计划是基于从全州范围内的发展障碍人士最迫切需求评估中收集的数据, 以及委员会在未来五年将重点关注的领域而制定的。策略可能包括公共政策倡导、领导力发展和协作等等。请注意北马里亚纳群岛联邦发展障碍委员会不提供直接服务。

## 北马里亚纳群岛联邦发展障碍委员会 2022 - 2026联邦财政年度州计划 目标和宗旨

### 目标1 -自我倡导

促进和支持发展障碍者的领导能力和自我倡导能力。

#### 宗旨1.1 -自我倡导

提供支持, 加强由发育障碍者领导的州自我倡导组织。

#### 宗旨1.2 -自我倡导

为被认为是领导者的发育障碍患者提供发育障碍患者领导力培训机会。

#### 宗旨1.3 -自我倡导

支持发展残疾者参与跨残疾和文化多样化的领导联盟。

### 目标2 -改善服务体系

该委员会将与合作伙伴合作至少两项系统变革倡议, 并提供信息、教育、和技能建设活动, 使有智力和发展障碍的个人和/或学生从高中到毕业后获得更好的过渡服务, 并在北马里亚纳群岛获得充分的服务和支持, 增加就业机会。

#### 宗旨2.1 -就业

于2023年, 通过与北马里亚纳群岛残疾人网络合作伙伴合作开展教育, 为有发展障碍的年轻人和求职者创造更多机会, 让他们获得有竞争力的工资、有意义的就业机会, 并在包容的环境中展示自己的能力和技能, 与没有残疾的同龄人一起工作。在2023年9月前制定一项州政策, 以改善服务, 支持充分完整的、有竞争力的就业。

### 宗旨2.2 -过渡

于2023年, 与北马里亚纳群岛过渡联盟、北马里亚纳群岛残障网络合作伙伴和其他机构合作, 创建或改进至少一项实践, 旨在通过中学后教育/培训, 改善智力和发展残障学生的过渡结果。

### 目标3 -缓解护理

发展残障者和身体脆弱者的家庭成员和/或照顾者将可通过社区和文化事务部(联邦暂缓服务项目) (CNMI PL 20-43)。

### 宗旨3.1 -缓解护理

于2023年, 与社区和文化事务部及合作伙伴合作, 在天宁岛和罗塔岛服务不足和没有服务的社区改善和/或扩大培训30名临时护理人员。

### 目标4 -应急准备

有发展残障的人将获得与所有人相同的安全水平, 参与计划、倡导和在紧急情况出现时自己负责的过程, 并清楚地知道在这种情况下应该做什么。

### 宗旨4.1 -应急准备

到2023年, 与北马里亚纳联邦国土安全及应急管理、北马里亚纳联邦残疾网络合作伙伴、联邦医疗保健公司、CNMI CORE和其他基于社区的利益相关者合作, 有效地将北马里亚纳联邦发展性残疾居民的功能和可达性需求纳入应急规划。

### 需要你的建议:

法律要求对五年国家进行公开审查, 这有助于我们完善计划。公众评议期为北马里亚纳联邦居民提供了一个45天的机会窗口, 以评估新制定的目标和目标, 并分享他们的意见, 以便我们可以作出改进。我们亦欢迎你就策略及活动提出建议, 以协助我们达致上述目标。

五年国家计划可在北马里亚纳联邦发展障碍委员会办公室, 国会山, Anatahan Dr.建筑#1310 获得提供, 或您可以致电 (670) 664-7000/3/5联系我们的办公室。该文件的其他格式可根据要求提供。

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### 建议期:

2021年6月9日至7月23日

建议必须在2021年7月23日 (查莫洛标准时间) 下午4:30前通过电子邮件收到。

谢谢你的建议!

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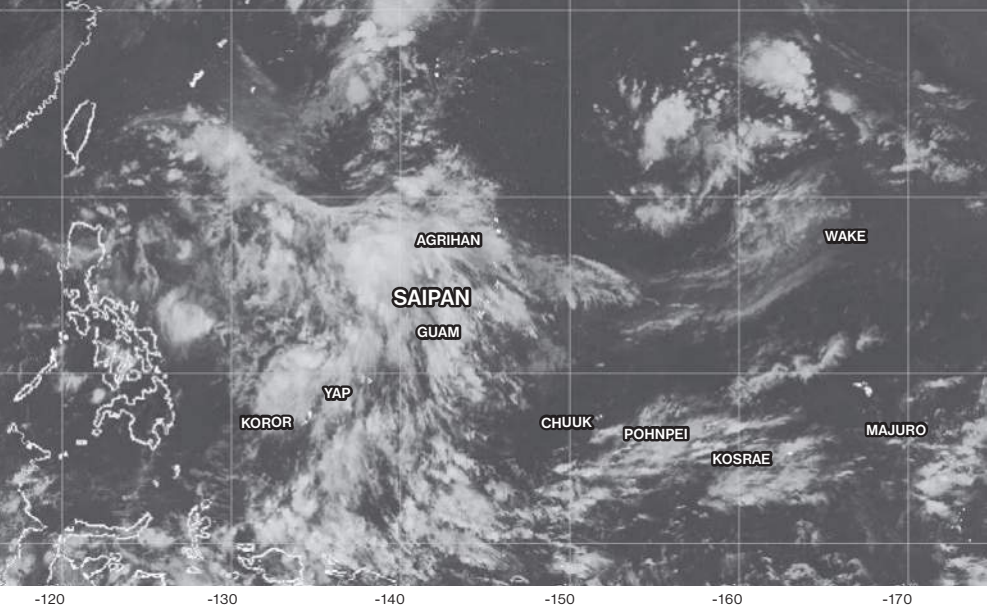






# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	
86°	76°	87°	76°	87°	76°	85°	76°	86°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 6:38 AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Skies are mostly cloudy across the Marianas this morning with scattered showers, mainly from Rota northward to Saipan, as a broad disturbance slowly takes shape well west of the region. East to southeast trade winds are gentle to moderate, with combined seas just under 5 feet at the Ipan buoy.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)*

## STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	10:15 AM	10:51 PM	-
Friday	11:08 AM	11:31 PM	-
Saturday	12:02 PM	-	-
Sunday	-	12:12 AM	12:58 PM
Monday	-	12:56 AM	1:57 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Rain	57° / 48°	
Beijing	Cloudy	82° / 70°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
London	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	83° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	61° / 46°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°	
New York	Thunderstorms	88° / 75°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	93° / 77°	
Paris	Showers	77° / 59°	
Busan	Showers	84° / 75°	
Rome	Sunny	91° / 73°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	88° / 72°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	66° / 54°	
Seoul	Showers	88° / 72°	
Tokyo	Showers	90° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	90° / 76°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:44 AM	Low Tide	1.28	
10:23 AM	High Tide	1.85	
5:27 PM	Low Tide	0.24	
-	-	-	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 7 via Guam				
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	5	UA184	9:50pm	4:05am+1	5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3	UA184	10:25pm	4:20am+1	1, 3

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA				1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily				
ROTA TO GUAM							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
				2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
				2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
				2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
				2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
				2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable
SAIPAN TO TINIAN							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable				

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# Business

## Docomo Pacific backs Survivor's Drive N' Wave event

**TAMUNING, Guam**—Docomo Pacific, regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, supports Relay for Life's Survivor Drive N' Wave event.

The Relay for Life is a movement dedicated to helping communities in the fight against cancer. For many years, the event was held at the George Washington High School Football Field in Mangilao. Thousands of community members would come together to celebrate cancer survivors, encourage those currently undergoing treatment, and remember loved ones. With the social distancing measures in place, the American Cancer Society got creative and decided to host multiple Relay events this year beginning with the Survivor Drive N' Wave.

Docomo Pacific is proud to show support for the first Survivor Drive N' Wave event, which was held at the Tiyan High School on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Multiple teams surrounded the track and cheered as survivors drove through the course in their cars. Though it was not the traditional way to



Docomo Pacific donates to the American Cancer Society's 2021 Relay for Life. From left, Lisa Salisbury, EBU brand owner, Docomo Pacific; Jared Roberto, public relations manager, Docomo Pacific; Tina Noket, senior development manager, American Cancer Society; Josh Paulino, Hawaii/Guam lead volunteer, American Cancer Society; and Isaac Novilla, brand coordinator, Docomo Pacific. **DOCOMO PACIFIC**

celebrate Relay, the survivors strolled by with smiles on their faces knowing they have a community behind them. The next Relay event is the Luminaria Ceremony, which more details will be provided in the weeks to come.

"Our Relay for Life celebration has transitioned from the

traditional one day, in-person event into a yearlong celebration. We invite everyone in our community to take part in each of the events, especially the Survivor Drive N' Wave in July and the luminaria exhibit in August, both of which are at the heart of every Relay For Life," said Tina Noket, senior

development manager of the American Cancer Society.

American Cancer Society is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to the fight against cancer. For more information on the Relay for Life 2021 events in Guam, visit their website at [www.relayforlife.org/guamgu](http://www.relayforlife.org/guamgu). **(PR)**



Team Docomo Pacific participates in the Relay for Life's Survivor Drive N' Wave event at the Tiyan High School on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Multiple teams surrounded the track and cheered as survivors drove through the course in their cars. **DOCOMO PACIFIC**



Team Docomo Pacific poses with Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. **DOCOMO PACIFIC**



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES CUC-RAESP-21-029

##### A&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SADOG TASI WWTP UPGRADE (S20-078)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Design Services of the Sadog Tasi WWTP Upgrade in Sadog Tasi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.*

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference followed by site visits will be held on **July 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope** marked "CUC-RAESP-21-029, A&E Design Services for the Sadog Tasi WWTP Upgrade", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 13, 2021. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 29, 2021** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater, Acting Chief Engineer – via email [larry.manacop@cucgov.org](mailto:larry.manacop@cucgov.org); Westen Knudsen, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email [westen.knudsen@cucgov.org](mailto:westen.knudsen@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM B. GILMORE  
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN  
Purchasing Administrator



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-21-016

##### SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF A 1.5 MW TRAILER MOUNTED DIESEL GENERATING SET WITH ENCLOSURE FOR THE CUC POWER PLANT NO. 3, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 1.5 Mega Watt Trailer Mounted Diesel Generating Set with Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3 Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format or USB Drive, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-21-016, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 1.5 MW Trailer Mounted Diesel Generating Set with Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

A Proposal Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Offerors are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 14, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to CUC's Water Utility Coordinator, Yvonne C. Ogomoro via email address [yvonne.ogomoro@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.ogomoro@cucgov.org), CUC's Power Generation Manager, Richard Cano via email address [richard.cano@cucgov.org](mailto:richard.cano@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC's Senior Purchasing Technician via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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# Nation

## US COVID-19 cases rising anew, doubling in 3 weeks

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH  
and JOSH FUNK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The COVID-19 curve in the U.S. is rising again after months of decline, with the number of new cases per day doubling over the past three weeks, driven by the fast-spreading delta variant, lagging vaccination rates and Fourth of July gatherings.

Confirmed infections climbed to an average of about 23,600 a day on Monday, up from 11,300 on June 23, according to Johns Hopkins University data. And all but two states—Maine and South Dakota—reported that case numbers have gone up over the past two weeks.

“It is certainly no coincidence that we are looking at exactly the time that we would expect cases to be occurring after the July Fourth weekend,” said Dr. Bill Powderly, co-director of the infectious-disease division at Washington University’s School of Medicine in St. Louis.

At the same time, parts of the country are running up against deep vaccine resistance, while the highly contagious mutant version of the coronavirus that was first detected in India is accounting for an ever-larger share of infections.

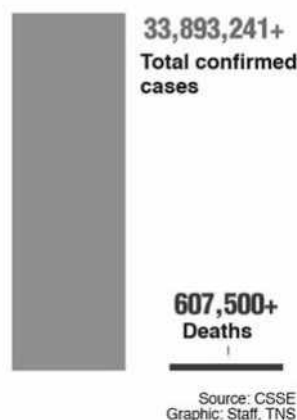
Nationally, 55.6% of all Americans have received at least one COVID-19 shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



In this Wednesday, July 7, 2021, file photo, patrons enjoy cold tropical cocktails in the tiny interior of the Tiki-Ti bar as it reopens on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles.

### U.S. cases and deaths

As of 11 a.m. ET, July 13



The five states with the biggest two-week jump in cases per capita all had lower vaccination rates: Missouri, 45.9%; Arkansas, 43%; Nevada, 50.9%; Louisiana,

39.2%; and Utah, 49.5%.

Even with the latest surge, cases in the U.S. are nowhere near their peak of a quarter-million per day in January. And deaths are running at under 260 per day on average after topping out at more than 3,400 over the winter—a testament to how effectively the vaccine can prevent serious illness and death in those who happen to become infected.

Still, amid the rise, health authorities in places such as Los Angeles County and St. Louis are begging even immunized people to resume wearing masks in public. And Chicago officials announced Tuesday that unvaccinated travelers from Missouri and Arkansas must either quarantine for 10 days or have a negative COVID-19 test.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Death toll rises to 210 from February cold wave in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—State officials on Tuesday added 59 deaths to the toll wrought by the Feb. 14 cold wave and the ensuing collapse of the Texas electric power grid. The deaths newly tallied by the Texas Department of State Health Services boost the toll from 151 to 210 deaths, most from exposure to the sometimes-subzero temperatures. Still, some were blamed on carbon monoxide poisoning as freezing Texans sought warmth from cars and outdoor grills. The count remained preliminary and may change as more deaths are confirmed, the department said. The county with the highest death toll was Harris, where Houston is situated, with 43 deaths. Travis County, where Austin holds most of its population, had 28 deaths. Dallas County reported 20 deaths.

#### LA County has 5th straight day of 1,000 cases

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles County is reporting the fifth straight day of more than 1,000 new coronavirus cases. Health officials warned Tuesday that the more contagious delta variant of the virus continues to spread rapidly among unvaccinated people in the state. Los Angeles County is home to a quarter of California’s 40 million people. County officials reported new cases totaling 1,103 for the previous 24 hours. County officials said the five-day average of cases is 1,095—a jump of more than 500% in just one month. The state, meanwhile, reported 3,256 newly confirmed coronavirus infections—the highest one-day total since early March.

#### Feds charge 4 in Iran plot to kidnap activist in US, others

NEW YORK (AP)—An Iranian intelligence officer and three alleged members of an Iranian intelligence network have been charged in Manhattan with plotting to kidnap a prominent Iranian opposition activist and writer in exile and take her back to Tehran, authorities said Tuesday. An indictment in Manhattan federal court alleges that the plot was part of a wider plan to lure three individuals in Canada and a fifth person in the United Kingdom to Iran. Victims were also targeted in the United Arab Emirates, authorities said. The identities of the alleged victims were not released but Brooklyn-based Masih Alinejad confirmed that authorities had told her she was among the targeted victims. “I knew that this is the nature of the Islamic Republic, you know, kidnapping people, arresting people, torturing people, killing people. But I couldn’t believe it that this is going to happen to me in United States of America,” Alinejad told The Associated Press.

# World

## Death toll rises to 92 in fire at COVID-19 ward in Iraq



Rescuers and civilians look for bodies after a catastrophic blaze erupted Monday at a coronavirus hospital ward in the al-Hussein Teaching Hospital, in Nasiriyah, Iraq, Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP)—The death toll from a fire that swept through a hospital coronavirus ward climbed to 92 on Tuesday, Iraq’s state news agency reported, as anguished relatives buried their loved ones and lashed out at the government over the country’s second such disaster in less than three months.

Health officials said scores of others were injured in the blaze that erupted Monday at al-Hussein Teaching Hospital in Nasiriyah.

The tragedy cast a spotlight on what many have decried as widespread negligence and mismanagement in Iraq’s hospitals after decades of war and sanctions.

Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi convened an emergency meeting and ordered the suspension and arrest of the health director in Dhi Qar

province, the hospital director and the city’s civil defense chief. The government also launched an investigation.

The prime minister called the catastrophe “a deep wound in the consciousness of all Iraqis.”

Two Iraqi health officials, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, disputed the reported death toll, saying 88 had been killed.

Authorities at one point said the fire was caused by a short circuit. Another official said the blaze erupted when an oxygen cylinder exploded. The officials were not authorized to talk to the news media and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In April, at least 82 people—many of them coronavirus patients or their relatives—were killed in

a fire at a Baghdad hospital that broke out when an oxygen tank exploded. Iraq’s health minister resigned over the disaster.

In the holy city of Najaf, the dead from Nasiriyah were laid to rest. Mourning families stood over the coffins at a mosque to say one last prayer.

Their tears were tinged with anger, with some saying the disaster could have been prevented. They blamed both the provincial government and the central government in Baghdad.

Ahmed Resan, who witnessed the blaze, said it began with smoke. “But everyone ran away—the workers and even the police. A few minutes later there was an explosion,” he said. He said firefighters arrived an hour later.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### At least 8 dead in hotel collapse in city in eastern China

BEIJING (AP)—Rescue workers were digging through the remains of a collapsed hotel in eastern China looking for any survivors of a disaster that has killed at least eight people and left nine missing, authorities said Tuesday. The workers in the city of Suzhou searched through the night, using rescue dogs, cranes, ladders and metal cutters, after the building collapsed Monday afternoon, the city government said in social media posts. Photos showed orange-suited rescuers with helmets working through the

ruins of the building, which had been reduced to girders and rubble. The cause of the collapse is under investigation. At least 23 people were trapped when the hotel collapsed. Six people were rescued and eight people were confirmed dead, leaving nine people unaccounted for.

#### Deaths climb to 72 in South Africa riots after Zuma jailed

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The death toll climbed to 72 from rioting in South Africa on Tuesday, with many people trampled to death during looting at stores, as police and the military fired stun grenades and rubber bullets

to try to halt the unrest set off by the imprisonment of former President Jacob Zuma. More than 1,200 people have been arrested in the lawlessness that has raged in poor areas of two provinces, where a community radio station was ransacked and forced off the air Tuesday and some COVID-19 vaccination centers were closed, disrupting urgently needed inoculations. Many of the deaths in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal provinces occurred in chaotic stampedes as thousands of people stole food, electric appliances, liquor and clothing from stores, police Maj. Gen. Mathapelo Peters said in a statement Tuesday night.



# Life & Style

## ‘The Crown,’ ‘Mandalorian’ top Emmy nominations with 24 each

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“The Crown” tied with “The Mandalorian” for the most Emmy nominations Tuesday with 24 apiece, but the Marvel universe also got bragging rights with runner-up “WandaVision.”

The bounty reinforced the rapid rise of streaming, with most of the top-nominated scripted shows on services that emerged in the past two years. In the top three categories—drama, comedy and limited series—broadcast networks scored only two nominations, for the NBC drama “This Is Us” and the ABC comedy “black-ish.”

During an oppressive pandemic in which housebound Americans relied more than ever on television for distraction, TV academy voters recognized a varied mix of storytelling and a diverse group of actors and creators.

One example: Mj Rodriguez of “Pose” is the first trans performer to be nominated in a lead acting category. The show also earned a best drama series nod.

“The moment my name was announced, I just screamed and I broke,” Rodriguez said. “My mom grabbed me. She kind of flung me around. ... I remember falling into my boyfriend’s arms and just crying tears of joy, tears of happiness. I felt so seen.”

Of the 96 acting nods for drama, comedy and miniseries, nearly 44%—a total of 42 nominations—went to people of color. That included 34 nods for Black actors, one fewer than last year.

Netflix’s “The Crown” received its fourth nomination for best series, and is likely the



This image released by Disney+ shows Pedro Pascal in a scene from “The Mandalorian.” (DISNEY+ VIA AP)

veteran streaming service’s best chance to win its first-ever top series trophy. The British royal drama moved closer to contemporary events with its version of the courtship and rocky marriage of Prince Charles and Diana Spencer, played by Josh O’Connor and Emma Corrin.

O’Connor and Corrin received lead drama acting nods, as did the series’ Olivia Colman for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II, with a supporting bid to Gillian Anderson for her role as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Oprah Winfrey’s headline-making interview with Harry—Charles and the late Diana’s son—and his wife Meghan earned a nomination for best hosted nonfiction series or special.

The showings by “The Mandalorian,” an extension of the “Star Wars” franchise, and the inventive “WandaVision” featuring the Marvel

characters Wanda and Vision, put the series in the ranks of past sci-fi and fantasy Emmy favorites “Game of Thrones” and “Lost.”

“The Boys,” Amazon’s comedy-tinged take on superheroes, earned a best drama nod.

“I would never have thought in a million years that playing a witch in a Marvel show would lead to this. It’s like a dream,” said “WandaVision” co-star Kathryn Hahn. She received a supporting actress bid, but found the show’s total of 23 nominations especially sweet.

“I’m so moved that the whole of it has been recognized,” Hahn said. “It was incredibly difficult. It was a hard, hard shoot. But ... the experience of making this meant so much to me and it was so unexpectedly deep.”

The nominations haul by Disney+, which launched in late 2019, was impressive, but the triumph of streaming was predictable, said Eric

Deggans, TV critic for National Public Radio.

“Disney+ came out of nowhere and got the third-most nominations of any platform at 71. ... We’re at a point now where this is this is increas-

## ‘Marrying Millions’ TV star pleads not guilty to raping teen

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Developer and reality TV personality William Hutchinson pleaded not guilty Tuesday to raping an unconscious 16-year-old girl at his Southern California vacation home.

The 63-year-old, who is free on \$100,000 bail, declined to comment after the hearing in Orange County Superior Court, telling reporters: “Have a nice day, no thank you” as he got into a car, the Orange County Register reported.

Hutchinson is known for his two seasons on the Lifetime series “Marrying Millions,” which followed his romance

ingly becoming a streamers’ game and the Emmy nominations reflect it,” Deggans said.

HBO and newcomer streaming service HBO Max edged into the lead with 130 total nominations, with Netflix close on its heels with 129.

The frontrunner on the comedy side is the good-hearted “Ted Lasso,” about a middling American football coach imported to England to handle a soccer team. The Apple TV+ series received 20 nominations, including for top comedy, star Jason Sudeikis and six cast members.

“Hacks,” starring Jean Smart as a stand-up comedian who resists getting aged out of Las Vegas and life, was next with 15 nods, including a lead actor award for Smart and a supporting bid for Hannah Einbinder.

Smart, who some have said is enjoying a career “Jeanaissance,” earned a second nomination for her supporting role in “Mare of Easttown.” The limited series received 16 nods, including star Kate Winslet.

Among the others who dou-

bled down on nominations: “Saturday Night Live” stars Kenan Thompson and Aidy Bryant, who received supporting acting bids for the variety show as well as lead comedy series acting nods for, respectively, “Kenan” and “Shrill.”

Other top nominees include previous best drama series winner “The Handmaid’s Tale,” with 21 nods, tied with “Saturday Night Live”; “The Queen’s Gambit,” 18; the period-drama romp “Bridgerton” and “Hamilton,” with 12 each.

“Lovecraft Country,” a horror-infused drama set in 1950s segregated America, earned an impressive 18 nominations—but was canceled by HBO after one season.

“The Flight Attendant” earned nine nominations, including a best comedy actress nod for Kaley Cuoco and a supporting actress bid for Rosie Perez—who becomes the third Latina nominated in the category, after Sofia Vergara for “Modern Family” and Liz Torres for “The John Larroquette Show.”

## Errant expression leads to yearslong misunderstanding

**D**EAR ABBY: I have always suffered from what I now know is social anxiety disorder. When I have to attend a large family function, I’m extremely nervous and miserable. As a result, sometimes I have had a sour expression on my face (although I didn’t realize it). At a gathering several years ago, I guess I inadvertently gave what appeared to be a dirty look to the in-law of a family member. I didn’t mean to be rude, but I was extremely nervous.

Since then, this person has made a sarcastic remark about me on a family video, and another time as I was walking out of a family member’s home, they made a face or gesture behind my back. (I realized it later because I was wondering why the person I was saying goodbye to looked past me at them and laughed.)

I regret what happened and constantly replay the event and beat myself up over it. However, I feel this person has more than made up for it by their actions. I’ll be required to see this person for years to come. Apologizing is not an option, as the two of us now have a seething dislike for each other. Do I have a right to give myself a break for this?

ANXIETY SUFFERER

**DEAR ANXIETY SUFFERER:** If someone was offended by a “look” they perceived, they should have approached you and asked what it was about when it hap-

pened. Surely other of your relatives know about your discomfort being in groups and could have explained to the person that the expression on your face wasn’t directed at them. Regardless of how you feel about this individual, because you are going to encounter the person with some regularity, it would be in your interest to quit stewing, make the “gesture” (not obscene!) and straighten this out.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son and daughter-in-law are sweet, kind and loving people. They are good parents to their son, an adorable toddler, and expect another child in six months. They live in an apartment and would like to rent a home to accommodate their growing family.

The problem is they have six cats and a python. Most rental houses don’t allow pets—most certainly not this brood. They have made clear that they will not sacrifice their pets for a place to live. I am very concerned about that many cats and a python cohabitating with a toddler and soon an infant. Please help me reinforce that while it is OK to have a pet, they are not thinking or acting responsibly as parents.

VERY CONCERNED GRANNY

**DEAR GRANNY:** Have you talked to your son and DIL about your concerns? If you haven’t, you should. Ac-

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



**cording to the Mayo Clinic, exposure to cat feces could cause a disease called toxoplasmosis, which can be passed by a pregnant woman to her unborn child. (Look online for further information.)**

**In addition, many communities have zoning ordinances that dictate what kind and the number of pets people are allowed to keep on their property. When your son and his wife rent a house, they will be expected to abide by those regulations, or they will be in violation of their lease and subject to eviction.**

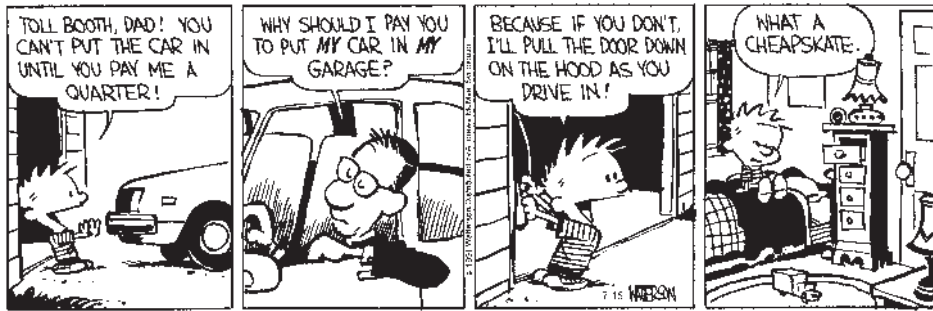
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



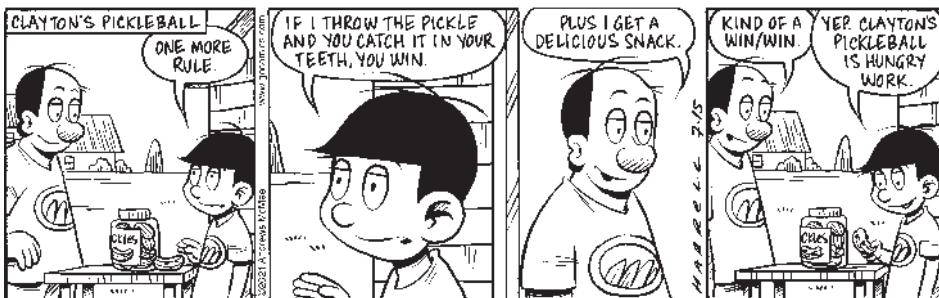
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By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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**Happy Birthday:** Aim to make your surroundings a place of comfort. Spending time in an environment that lowers stress and initiates peace of mind will help you make the most out of everyday situations. Take the initiative to maintain financial security and to avoid letting outside influences mess with your long-term plans. Build your dreams one step at a time. Your numbers are 5, 11, 16, 21, 26, 37, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't fold under pressure. Thoroughly study a situation you face and bring about positive change to the way or how you allocate your time. Take responsibility, and make decisions that lead to your happiness. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Stop being so hard on yourself. Consider the changes you want and need to achieve peace of mind and personal happiness. Get the ball rolling. It's OK to be and to think differently. Follow your heart and please yourself. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Keep things in perspective and refuse to let emotional matters escalate. You don't have to agree with someone to move forward. Look for workable solutions based on truth, trust and integrity, and you'll find a way to satisfy everyone's needs. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Build a unique space that encourages you to let your imagination take over and your creative dreams turn into a reality. Having an

outlet that reduces stress and makes you feel accomplished will also lead to opportunities in the outside world. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The information offered will have double meanings that can be misleading. When in doubt, ask questions before you agree to something that may not be to your advantage. What appears to be better than what you have will end up being disappointing. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You've got more going for you than you realize. Stand your ground, make your ideas and intentions clear, and elaborate on how you plan to proceed. Taking control will help you convince others to pay attention and get involved. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The tide is turning. Bide your time and wait for the right moment, and you will avoid making an emotional mistake. Use discipline to maintain your integrity. Put your energy into something that will encourage better health, image and overall appearance. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Think twice before you get involved in someone's plans or business. You are better off focusing on using your skills to improve your position or achieve something that will enrich your life. Personal growth is encouraged. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Live and learn through the experience you encounter. Be observant, and don't rely on others to help. Educational pursuits that encourage strength and endurance will help you set a path that

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you find productive and satisfying. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll gravitate toward like-minded people who are striving to reach similar goals. Share your concerns, but don't be too generous with your ideas and intentions. It's best not to give your secrets away if you want to come out on top. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Concentrate on relationships and getting together with people who have your best interest at heart. Joining forces with someone you love to reach a common goal will bring you closer together. Romance will enhance a meaningful relationship. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A project will spark your imagination and change the way you live. A change is overdue, and embracing something new and exciting will encourage you to explore fresh avenues, but don't let go of one position until you secure another. ★★

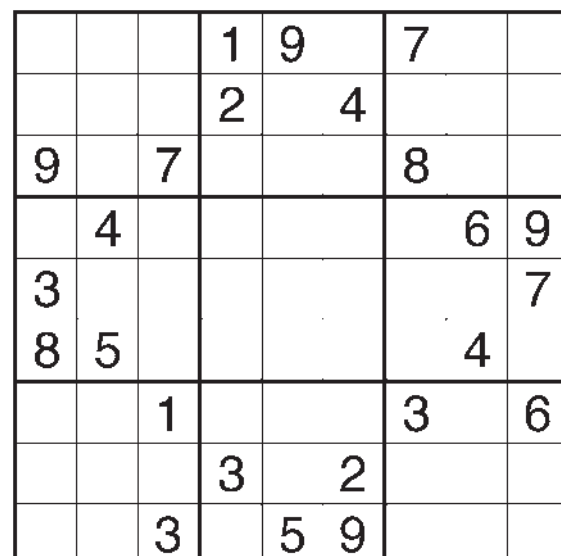
**Birthday Baby:** You are resourceful, creative and insightful. You are heroic and motivated.

★ Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★★ You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★ Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★★ Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★ Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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# Arenado, NL teammates drop 8th straight

DENVER (AP)—Nolan Arenado jogged out of the dugout and tipped his cap to a cheering crowd at his former home stadium.

That tribute meant a lot.

From there, the cheers were few and far between for Arenado and his National League buddies in a 5-2 loss to the American League contingent during the All-Star Game at Coors Field on Tuesday night. It was the eighth straight loss by the NL.

“AL’s awesome,” Boston right-hander Matt Barnes cracked of the winning streak. “I might be biased because I’ve only ever played in the American League. Honestly, I have no idea. Sometimes there are crazy anomalies in sports like that, that have no rhyme nor reason. We have a really good ballclub out there. We really do.”

The NL went 0 for 4 with runners in scoring position and left eight on base.

“Unfortunately, I’m a part of three of them,” NL manager Dave Roberts said of the losing streak. “Not ideal but I hope I get a chance to win one next year.” It would be fitting for the Dodgers skipper.

Next season, the game will be held at Dodger Stadium — a makeup from 2020 when the All-Star Game was canceled after the season’s start was delayed due to the coro-



AP  
National League’s Nolan Arenado, of the St. Louis Cardinals, acknowledges the crowd during the first inning of the MLB All-Star baseball game, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in Denver.

on the field.

That was illustrated in the eighth with two outs and the bases loaded. On a 3-0 pitch, Cubs slugger Kris Bryant sent a sinking liner to left that looked destined for a hit—until Jared Walsh made a shoe-string catch.

In the ninth, Omar Narváez started the inning off with a single. On a pitch that bounced to the backstop, he tried to go to second but the ball hit off the concrete behind home and straight to catcher Mike Zunino, who threw out Narváez.

Early on, there was nearly a scary scene: Starter Max Scherzer almost getting hit in the head by a liner off the bat of Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

“I’m alive and I don’t get hit by a ball. That’s the success story,” Scherzer said. “When that ball came screaming back at me, that’s your worst nightmare. That’s every pitcher’s worst nightmare.”

“I kind of knew that could happen if you threw down and away against him and that ball was right back in my face. Thankfully, I still have a blue eye and brown eye.”

navirus pandemic.

Arenado was the fan favorite as the crowd of 49,184 showered him with applause when he came out of the dugout and again when he did an on-field interview at his customary spot—third base. He spent eight seasons in Denver before being traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in the offseason.

He appreciated the kind re-

ception. He’s always appreciated his time in the Mile High City even as things turned sour between him and the front office.

“Sometimes when you do good work, sometimes it doesn’t get noticed. Sometimes you want to be appreciated for what you did,” said Arenado, an eight-time Gold Glove winner

while in Colorado.

“That’s in everyday life. It can be anything. You do something for somebody you want them to say thank you. Not that I want them to say thank you but the fact they did it means a lot,” he said.

Arenado finished 0 for 2 at the plate. Couple that with his 2-for-14 showing in his return to Co-

ors Field earlier this month and it hasn’t been a very memorable homecoming.

Except for the thundering ovations.

“I won’t be getting any standing ovations anywhere else anymore,” Arenado said. “I’m not too worried about those anymore. It was awesome. I loved it. I don’t take it for granted.”

It just wasn’t the NL’s night

## Shohei Ohtani gets All-Star win for AL, bats, too

Game history.

J.T. Realmuto homered for the National League on a mile-high night at Coors, baseball’s ultimate launching pad.

A 27-year-old right-hander in his fourth big league season, Ohtani has dazzled. He leads the major leagues with 33 homers and is 4-1 in 13 starts as a pitcher, a two-way performance not seen since Babe Ruth in 1919 and ’20, before the Bambino largely gave up the mound for slugging.

“This has been the best experience, most memorable,” Ohtani said through translator Ippei Mizuhara. “Obviously, I’ve never played in the playoffs or World Series, so once I do that, that’s probably going to surpass it. But this has been the most memorable.”

Ohtani was a double triple-digit threat in Denver, hitting a 513-foot drive during Monday night’s Home Run Derby and throwing a 100.2 mph pitch to Nolan Arenado.

“He was as good as advertised,” Arenado said. “His fastball had a little cut and he’s a really good player. Just incredible.”

Following a full day, Ohtani slept until 10:30 a.m.

“It was a lot more tiring

compared to the regular season, but if everyone had fun I’m good with it,” he said.

Ohtani retired Fernando Tatis Jr., Max Muncy and Arenado, a Colorado fan favorite, in order in the bottom half of the first, throwing 10 of 14 pitches for strikes.

Major League Baseball even made a special rules tweak for Ohtani, allowing him to be replaced as a pitcher and to remain in the game as the DH after he was done pitching. He grounded out twice—Pittsburgh second baseman Adam Frazier ranged to make a nice backhanded pickup that prevented a hit against Max Scherzer starting the night.

Ohtani was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the fifth. Shohei’s shoes, meanwhile, were headed to the Hall of Fame, which collected his cleats, hand guard and foot guard for display in Cooperstown.

Ohtani combined with Lance Lynn, Kyle Gibson, Nathan Eovaldi, Gregory Soto, Chris Bassitt, Andrew Kittredge, Matt Barnes and Liam Hendriks on an eight-hitter.

A win started by a Japanese pitcher ended with a save by an Australian and an MVP for a Dominican. Hendriks was

helped by a lucky bounce off the backstop that turned what would’ve have been a wild pitch into an out at second.

“It’s a world game now,” Hendriks said. “There’s a lot of us over here and hopefully there’s more to come with the exposure that Shohei and guys from the DR and Venezuela can bring to this game.”

Hendriks wore a microphone on the mound for the television broadcast and heard cursing loudly after an errant slider to Omar Narváez.

In another another season of record strikeouts that have alarmed baseball’s leadership, AL batters whiffed 12 times while NL hitters fanned just three strikeouts.

The AL has now won 20 of the last 23 All-Star Games with one tie thrown in.

While everything is measured with precision these days, Guerrero’s third-inning drive against Milwaukee’s Corbin Burnes was jaw-dropping even before Statcast revealed it went 468 feet, the longest since All-Star Games were wired in 2015.

As the ball landed at the top of the left-field seats under the huge video board, Tatis—the NL shortstop and another

of the “juniors” among a record 42 first-time All-Stars—turned slowly and put both hands over his head.

“It was a moonshot,” he said. “He’s been doing it all year. Why not show it off here?”

Guerrero and Tatis are tied for second in the majors with 28 homers behind Ohtani — by the way, Ohtani also is tied for the AL lead in triples with four.

Guerrero’s homer was the 200th in All-Star history and he followed in the bat path of his father, Vladimir Guerrero, who homered off Brad Penny in the 2006 game at Pittsburgh. They joined Bobby Bonds (1973) and Barry Bonds (1998 at Coors) and Ken Griffey Sr. (1980) and Ken Griffey Jr. (1992) as the only father-son duos with All-Star homers.

“Dreams do come true,” Vlad Jr. said through a translator. “Ever since I was a kid I’ve been thinking about this moment.”

His helmet and batting gloves are going to Cooperstown.

Guerrero added an RBI grounder in the fifth against Miami’s Trevor Rogers, and Boston’s Xander Bogaerts followed with an RBI single for a 4-0 lead. Both runs were unearned after shortstop Brandon Craw-

ford misplayed Teoscar Hernández’s grounder for an error.

Toronto’s Marcus Semien had put the AL ahead with an RBI single in the second off Burnes, who took the loss.

Realmuto homered in the fifth off Soto, a more pedestrian 430-foot drive that was the first by a Philadelphia All-Star since Mike Schmidt in 1981.

Zunino cracked a 433-foot shot in the sixth against Taijuan Walker and allowed a run-scoring passed ball in the bottom half.

A crowd of 49,184 filled Coors Field, a stark contrast to the 2020 regular season played in empty ballparks because of the pandemic and many games with limited fans in the first half of this season while vaccinations became more prevalent.

Ohtani became the second straight Japanese pitcher to win the All-Star Game after the Yankees’ Masahiro Tanaka two years ago. Last year’s game was canceled when the season’s start was delayed by the pandemic to late July.

The AL’s winning streak is its longest, three shy of the record set by the NL from 1972-82.

“Unfortunately, I’m a part of three of them,” NL manager Dave Roberts said. “Not the thing I’m most proud of.”

DENVER (AP)—A Sho-case for Shohei Ohtani became a grand stage for Vladimir Guerrero Jr., too.

Ohtani unleashed his 100 mph heat while pitching a perfect inning for the win in becoming baseball’s first two-way All-Star. Guerrero rocked Coors Field with a 468-foot home run and the American League breezed 5-2 Tuesday night for its eighth straight victory.

Near and far, the sport’s entire focus was on Ohtani from the very start in this All-Star Game.

Players on both sides climbed to the dugout rails to watch him, and the Japanese sensation went 0 for 2, grounding out twice as the AL’s leadoff man and designated hitter.

Jared Walsh, Ohtani’s teammate on the Los Angeles Angels, got a save — with his glove. He made a sliding catch in left field on Kris Bryant’s tricky liner with the bases loaded to end the eighth inning.

So even with the teams decked out in new uniforms that social media deemed a strikeout instead of a home run, it was a familiar result. Mike Zunino also connected for the AL as it improved to 46-43-2 overall in the series.

Guerrero, at 22, became the youngest MVP in All-Star



# Suns can hack and whack Giannis, but know he'll keep coming

**MILWAUKEE** (AP)—Giannis Antetokounmpo pointed to a pair of scratches, one on his forehead and the other on his cheek.

Those NBA Finals battle scars are proof, he figures, that the frustrated Phoenix Suns are indeed fouling him.

"So they're making my pretty face ugly," Antetokounmpo said.

The Suns may be hacking and whacking him, but they sure aren't stopping the Milwaukee Bucks star.

Coming off two straight 40-point performances, Antetokounmpo will try to help the Bucks even the series in Game 4 on Wednesday.

And whether playing with pain in his knee or shaking off hits to his face, the Suns know Antetokounmpo is going to keep attacking them.

"He's coming full speed every play, like a running back coming downhill," point guard Chris Paul said.

Antetokounmpo had 41 points and 13 rebounds in the Bucks' 120-100 victory in Game 3. That followed his 42 points and 12 rebounds in Game 2, making him just the sixth player with consecutive 40-point games in the NBA Finals.

The Suns have already faced LeBron James and Nikola Jokic during this run to their first NBA Finals since 1993, so they've had to figure out ways to overcome MVP players.

But Antetokounmpo, with his end-to-end bursts that seem to take just two or three dribbles, is a different type of challenge. Paul said Suns coach Monty Williams' instructions are just to try to get in the 6-foot-11 forward's way, but it's difficult to give too much attention because the Bucks have shooters such as Khriston Middleton, Jrue Holiday



AP  
Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, right, is fouled by Phoenix Suns' Jae Crowder, left, during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals, Sunday, July 11, 2021, in Milwaukee.

day and Brook Lopez set up around the perimeter.

Paul said the Suns will just stick with their game plan.

"We're going to keep trying to build a wall," he said.

Antetokounmpo is used to that.

He recalls it being about two years ago when teams started to employ that defensive strategy of packing multiple players in his path to the basket.

Antetokounmpo still doesn't enjoy playing against it—"I'm not going to lie; I hate it," he said—but he's come to look

at it as a compliment, adding that it's "funny that there's a defense out there called the Giannis Wall."

Most importantly for the Bucks, he's learned how to beat it. Antetokounmpo believes he was already a good passer before teams started using the wall and he's willing to move the ball to open players when they do. He had six assists in Game 3.

"It's kind of hard, because you want to be effective, you

want to get downhill, you want to do everything, but now you also — you take it personal also," Antetokounmpo said.

"There's a team that's building the wall of three people and two guys behind and trying to stop you. Now you have to not take it personal and make the right play, find the right guy."

Antetokounmpo shot 17 free throws in Game 3, which Williams noted afterward was one more than the entire Suns

team. Asked Tuesday why he chose to complain about it, one of NBA's most polite people suddenly turned testy.

"They had one player with 17 free throws; we had 16," Williams said. "That's not complaining. That's stating facts."

But Williams knew from watching the film that the Suns' problems Sunday started way before any fouls. When Phoenix missed its first shot, Antetokounmpo grabbed the rebound and pushed the ball up the court. The Suns

## Bucks' Portis adapts to role, makes sure he's always ready

**MILWAUKEE** (AP)—Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Portis is relying on lessons he learned earlier in his career as he adapts to his inconsistent playoff usage.

Portis provided a big spark off the bench, scoring 11 points in 18 minutes in Milwaukee's 120-100 Game 3 NBA Finals victory over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday. That came after he played just five minutes in a Game 2 loss.

It's a familiar pattern for Portis, who didn't play the final three games of the Bucks' second-round series against the Brooklyn Nets but averaged 12.5 points against the Atlanta Hawks in the Eastern Conference finals.

"I don't sit and sob or get mad or anything if I'm not playing," Portis said after Game 3. "I want to win. I

came to Milwaukee to try to impact winning and be the best Bobby Portis I can be. Having good coaches and good teammates to just keep me sane, all credit goes to them."

Portis said one of the first things he learned as a pro is that "nobody is going to feel sorry for you in the NBA." Portis says veterans such as Taj Gibson, Joakim Noah, Jimmy Butler, Derrick Rose and Aaron Brooks taught him that during his rookie year with the 2015-16 Chicago Bulls.

"They all stayed on me a lot and told me, 'just stay ready,' knowing you want to have your moment, but just keep working on your game, staying in shape," Portis said.

He's produced a number of memorable moments in this postseason.

When Giannis Antetokounmpo missed the last two games of the East finals with a hyperextended left knee, Portis moved into Milwaukee's starting lineup and averaged 17 points and 8.5 rebounds in those games.

He isn't playing as big a role now that Antetokounmpo is back on the floor, but Portis showed Sunday that he still can make a difference. He provided a major energy boost to delight a sellout crowd that continually chanted his first name.

Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer indicated after the game that Portis could have earned himself more opportunities.

"He's important for us," Budenholzer said. "I think him helping and finding a place for him is something we need to do."

### SUNS' JOHNSON FEELING BETTER

Suns forward Cam Johnson said after Game 3 that he's feeling OK. Johnson had been lying on the floor in pain midway through the fourth quarter after tangling with Antetokounmpo in the paint.

"I took a shot to the rib (that) kind of knocked the wind out of me and in the process my ab cramped up," Johnson said. "So that's why I was down on the floor. If any of you all had an ab cramp, you know it's just kind of tough to move. So I was OK. I just needed a second for it to calm down so I could get up."

### SECOND-CHANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Milwaukee has gotten back into this series by converting offensive rebounds.

## Kawhi Leonard has surgery; Clippers confirm partial ACL tear

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kawhi Leonard had surgery Tuesday to repair a partial tear of his right ACL, an injury the Los Angeles Clippers did not specify as he sat out the team's first-ever Western Conference finals appearance.

The Clippers said there is no timetable for his return.

Leonard averaged 30.4 points, 7.7 rebounds and 4.4 assists in 11 playoff games. He first got hurt in Game 4 of the team's second-round series against the Utah Jazz. He was held out of the last eight postseason games, including the Clippers' 4-2 loss to the Phoenix Suns in the West finals.

The Clippers only said Leonard had a knee sprain. They never offered further details and he was ruled out on a game-by-game basis the rest of the playoffs.

Leonard has a player option for the 2021-22 season. He averaged 24.8 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.2 assists in 52 regular-season games.



# NMIBF launches Mini Basketball, Basketball for Good programs

The Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation is bringing the sport closer to the CNMI youth anew with the launching of its Mini Basketball and Basketball for Good programs.

The programs are similar with initiatives of FIBA Oceania and the International Basketball Foundation, which encourage federations affiliated with them to deliver basketball programs that would increase participation in the sport and help develop healthy and contributing members of their communities.

To kick off the two programs, the NMIBF has partnered with the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and the Saipan Soccer School, which are the lead organizers of the Summer Sports Camp 2011. The summer camp started last July 6 and will run until July 30 with basketball as one of the four sports being offered to participants.

NMIBF director Irish Pag-

arao, who co-leads the Mini Basketball and Basketball for Good programs with Marlyn Lumabi, conducts the basketball sessions of the camp at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex from

Monday to Friday, from 10:30am to 12pm. Five players from NMI Rollers—Chioni Dela Cruz, Ervin Villarin, T.J. Factor, Kyu Aldan, and Nobet Hocog—have volunteered to assist Pagarao in teaching children in the 12 and under age group the basics of basketball. Between 20 to 25 players are attending the camp every day.

"I love it here, I get to play with a lot of kids. I've been wanting to learn basketball, but I did not have a lot of chance to play because I was busy with school. Now that we are on school break, I am happy that I am able to play," said William S. Reyes Elementary School student Francisco Faimaw.

Darwin Barbo and Jun



A participant in the SSS Summer Sports Camp performs basketball drills, which the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation is conducting as part of its Mini Basketball and Basketball for Good programs, last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Estolas, who are regular figures in the CNMI basketball leagues, brought their sons Percy and Kian to the camp and are beaming with pride seeing their children playing the sport they love.

"They used to see us play, now it's the other way around. I am happy that he picks up the sport I am passionate with," Estolas said.

"As parents we are glad to see programs like this, as they teach our children not only about basketball, but as well as values, such as teamwork and discipline," Barbo said.

After the summer sports camp at the TSL Sports Complex, NMIBF's Mini Basketball and Basketball for Good programs will move to outdoor basketball courts in vari-

ous villages in the CNMI.

NMIBF plans to conduct basketball clinics every Saturday of October and November at the basketball courts that have been transformed by public and private organizations. The NMIBF is looking to partner with government leaders, groups, and establishments in the outreach programs to villages.

"We are excited with our Mini Basketball and Basketball for Good programs, as we want to reach out to as many youth as we can. For over a year, we've seen limited basketball and other sports activities so through these initiatives, we want to get back on track and in the long-term build a strong grassroots program," NMIBF president James Lee said. (PR)

## PAIRE

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knotted the count late in the first half, Jayson Tagabuel's conversion in the 26th minute put the former back on top. However, Peteru came to Matansa's rescue and denied Kanoa entry to the win column.

## GIRLS U15 Kanoa 4, TanHoldings 1

Kanoa holds an unbeaten record in three games after downing TanHoldings.

Markus Toves stood out in the victory after posting a hat trick, while Tyler Omelau registered the other goal. Omelau lit up the board first with his goal in the 10th minute, while

Toves took over the rest of the way, earning his string of goals in the 30th, 42nd, and 44th minute.

TanHoldings drew its only goal in the match from Mark Ryan Costales, who hit his target in the 20th minute.

## Matansa 12, Paire 1

In the other match in the division, Matansa walloped Paire to notch its first win of the season.

Isaiah Barcinas-Hossain and Philip Megino teamed up in the lopsided victory after firing five goals apiece. Robat Islam Ratol and Minui Hoque chipped in one goal apiece for Matansa, while Paire was handed an own goal to avoid a shutout loss.

United Arab Emirates this coming December. The second and third parts of the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series will be held on July 24 and Sept. 25 in the same venue.

Results of the 20m for beginners, 50m for intermediate, and 100m for advanced will be published in tomorrow's issue of the *Saipan Tribune*.

nandez and Joey Tudela are now \$750 richer. Third place and \$500 went to *Catmandu* of the Snell family—skipper Michael II and crewmates Michael III, Latrell, and Lorenz—after they landed a 7.5-lb mahi mahi.

In the skipjack division, *Santa Soledad* nosed out *Handliner* for the \$750 first place purse with a fish weighing 9.4 lbs. *Santa Soledad* was captained by Melchor Lerum who had help from Joel Jeminez. *Handliner* captain Maxi Morag and lone crew James Rayphand settled for second place and \$500 with their 9.3-lb catch. Captain Tony Tenorio and crewmembers Jennifer Tkel and Jessie Tenorio were third with an 8.7-pounder and pocketed \$250.

## NMIVA hosts second high school volleyball camp

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association will be hosting its second high school volleyball clinic from July 19 to 23. Coach Mike Rabago, the Guam Indoor Volleyball National Team coach for men and women, will be back on Saipan to conduct these free clinics.

The clinic will feature small group instruction with

a heavy emphasis on skill development and improvement. Volleyball players, both boys and girls, ages 14-18, are invited to attend the free, two-day volleyball camp.

Boys and girls will be on different days to give participants more specialized instruction and practice. All interested athletes can regis-



ter by emailing nmivolleyball@gmail.com for the registration form. All registration forms should be submitted no later than Sunday, July 18, 2021. Registrations will be capped at 25 athletes per age group. For more information or questions, please email nmivolleyball@gmail.com. (PR)

## MARIA

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at 8:47.4.

In the women's Sari Barman was without peer with a time of 8:05.9. Kaya Braxton was runner-up at 8:33.8 with Nagisa Litulumar at third at 8:41.4.

SSC head coach Richard Sikkell was encouraged by his

swimmers' performance in the 1,000m and 500m swims, but two swimmers particularly caught his eye.

"In the 1,000m Piper Raho is knocking on the door. Once she gets bit by the competitive bug she will be a force to be reckoned with. Georgia Baetge also put in a very solid performance," he said.

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'what the heck is this!' We didn't know what we were doing but it's OK we are Micronesians fishermen—we make it happen! So we left at 8 and at 8:15 we hooked up with this beautiful *ahi* and we really didn't know that our equipment was new, not our boat, and we didn't know if we could bring this thing in. It took is two hours to bring it in. And [everyone's] wondering why it took us that long to bring in a 60-lb yellowfin, but we didn't know the [heck] we were doing but we had had fun," he said.

Sword also revealed that a fifth member of their crew was Finance Secretary David DLG

Atalig, who wasn't there to join them on stage during the awards banquet.

"We thank the Saipan Fishermen's Association for this and we have our floor leader Ralph Yumul and also we have our minority leader Ivan Blanco and the secretary of Finance David DLG Atalig who by the way was bad luck for us on Sunday. He didn't show up on Saturday but was bad luck for us on Sunday. It's alright Dave you could still join us and you're still part of our team... I'd like to thank the Saipan Fishermen's Association for putting together this international derby... With COVID, everybody here was just about ready to get the [heck] out of their house and go fishing!"

Raho finished fourth in the 1,000m for women at 18:19.8, while Baetge followed Raho in the standings at 19:43.4.

Kimura, for his part, wasn't so happy with his swimmers' performance in either race. "1,000 and 500 is too usual result. I don't have any comment but if I have to say something, their times were slow."

Coming in second to Sword and company's 67-lb catch in the yellow fin category was MV *Kiddo* and their 58-pounder, while *Sesa* was third with a 50-lb *ahi*. MV *Kiddo* was skippered by Tak Nakazato and his crew were Courtney Nakazato, Koniko Nakazato, and Jewel A. Naputi. *Sesa* was captained by Steve Reyes and had Kevin Diaz and Jesse Borja as crewmembers.

*Cecilio & Kapon* won \$1,000 for first place, while MV *Kiddo* and *Sesa* went home with \$750 and \$500 for finishing second and third, respectively.

In the wahoo division, J&MJ captain Manuel Mogar and crewmember Lawrence Pantola landed the heaviest fish at 32.2 lbs and

Last Saturday's event was the first part of the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series. Aside from the 1,000m and 500m competitive swims, a 1,000m qualifier was also held that will chose four swimmers (top two men and top two women) that will represent the CNMI in the 2021 FINA World Championships in Abu Dhabi,

won \$1,000. The *St. Cristopher* came in second with a wahoo weighing 25.8 lbs and skipper Juan O. Barcinas and crewmen Robert Sasamoto and Antonio Muña are now \$750 richer. *Rosemary* of captain Tom Aguon and deckhand Gene Bolton finished third with a 24.7-lb wahoo and got \$500 for their troubles.

*Regulator* of captain P.J. Alan and anglers Phil Aldan, Ben Fitipol, Ricky George, Ray DL Cruz, and Kiko Togawa topped the mahi mahi category and took home \$1,000 after reeling in a 24.7-pounder. Coming in second was *Salty Bandits* with their 9-lb fish and captain Masaki Kitami and crewmembers Kalama Fer-

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	36	.604	
Tampa Bay	53	37	.589	1½
New York	46	43	.517	8
Toronto	45	42	.517	8
Baltimore	28	61	.315	26

##### Central Division

Chicago	54	35	.607	
Cleveland	45	42	.517	8
Detroit	40	51	.440	15
Minnesota	39	50	.438	15
Kansas City	36	53	.404	18

##### West Division

Houston	55	36	.604	
Oakland	52	40	.565	3½
Seattle	48	43	.527	7
Los Angeles	45	44	.506	9
Texas	35	55	.389	19½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

New York	47	40	.540	
Philadelphia	44	44	.500	3½
Atlanta	44	45	.494	4
Washington	42	47	.472	6
Miami	39	50	.438	9

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	53	39	.576	
Cincinnati	48	42	.533	4
Chicago	44	46	.489	8
St. Louis	44	46	.489	8
Pittsburgh	34	56	.378	18

##### West Division

San Francisco	57	32	.640	
Los Angeles	56	35	.615	2
San Diego	53	40	.570	6
Colorado	40	51	.440	18
Arizona	26	66	.283	32½

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## LOCAL SCORES

### NMIFA SUMMER YOUTH LEAGUE

#### CO-ED U12 STANDINGS (As of July 11, 2021)

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Paire	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
MPU	3	2	0	1	14	6	8	6
Shirley's	3	1	1	1	8	5	3	4
TanHoldings	3	1	0	2	12	9	3	3
Matansa	3	0	2	1	6	10	-4	2
Kanoa	3	0	1	2	3	18	-15	1

#### BOYS U15

Kanoa	3	3	0	0	19	4	15	9
TanHoldings	3	2	0	1	14	6	8	6
Matansa	3	1	0	2	15	12	3	3
Paire	3	0	0	3	3	29	-26	0





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teammates drop  
8th straight

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## Paire, Kanoa keep clean slates



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A Paire Football Club tries to keep control of the ball during an earlier game in the co-ed U12 division of the NMIFA Summer Youth League 2021 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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**P**aire Football Club and Kanoa Football Club still hold perfect records in the NMIFA Summer Youth League 2021.

Paire notched its third win in as many games in the co-ed division of the competition after edging Shirley's Football Club, 2-1, last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Rodney Junior Tomei made the pair of goals for Paire drilling his first in the 18th minute and the second in the 32nd. Bennet Harro scored in the 48th minute for the lone goal for Shirley's, which absorbed its first loss of the season after earning a victory and a draw in its first two matches.

### MP United 7, TanHoldings 0

Close behind Paire at second place is MP United, which got win No. 2 after dominating TanHoldings.

Six different players hit the board for MP United with Tai-

ga Namai-Scoggins leading the squad's charge with his twin goals. Riku Takahashi, Landon Jordan, Moshe Sikkel, Landon Pudney, and Richard Zhao con-

tributed one goal apiece.

### Matansa 2, Kanoa 2

In the third game in the division, Matansa forced Kanoa to a draw, thanks to Efraim Peteru.

Peteru knocked in the equalizer four minutes before the match wrapped up. He also nailed Matansa's other goal after finding the back of the net in the 24th minute.

Kanoa drew first blood off Hope McQuay's goal in the fourth minute and after Peteru

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From left, Northern Marianas Swimming Federation vice president John Hirsh, Kuoki Watanabe, Andrew Nuñez, Moshe Sikkel, and Saipan Swim Club coach Richard Sikkel.

## 'Most unlikely' fishermen nab winning *ahi*

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To their own admission, the crew of *Cecilio & Kapon* had no business winning first place in the yellow fin category of last weekend's 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament held in the waters off the CNMI.

During the awards ceremony last Monday night at the poolside of Aqua Resort Club, captain Gary Sword was as surprised as everyone standing on the stage as he and his crewmembers—Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan), Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan) and his son Ivan Jr.—received the handsome hand-carved first place trophy for the heaviest *ahi* caught during the two-day fishing derby.

"We're the most unlikely group because none of us own a boat. We actually asked our

brother Cecilio (Raiukiulipiy) to loan us his boat. Master navigator Cecilio said 'you can use my boat' but then he had to go to Pagan and we couldn't contact him. About 6am on Saturday morning we didn't have a

boat," he said to the delight of the cheering crowd.

Sword said because Raiukiulipiy's boat was AWOL, they were forced to give other boaters a two-hour "head start" as if their relative inexperience as fishermen wasn't enough of a handicap.

"We set out at 8 o'clock in the morning. Everybody was out except us. We were like

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*Cecilio & Kapon* captain Gary Sword and crewmembers Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan), Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan) and his son Ivan Jr. receive the first place trophy in the yellow fin category during the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament's awards banquet last Monday at the Aqua Resort Club poolside.

## Maria, Kouki top 1,000m race

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Swimming Center Tsunami Saipan's Kuoki Watanabe and Maria Batallones were first out of the water in the 1,000m Swim Club's Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series held last Saturday in the waters off the Civic Center beach in Oleai.

Watanabe topped the men's division with a time of 14:31.9. He was followed by fellow Tsunami Saipan member Andrew Nuñez at 15:08.5, while Saipan Swim Club's Moshe Sikkel was third after clocking in at 15:09.4.

In the women's, Batallones was untouchable touching the flag at the finish line in time of 14:47.7.

Tsunami Saipan's Jessica Ma and Michelle Chen completed the Tsunami Saipan sweep of the division by completing the course in 17:28.1 and 17:51.0, respectively.

The 500m race was also dominated by Tsunami Saipan with both men's and women's categories swarming with coach Hiro Kimura's wards.

Justin Ma spearheaded the charge by winning the men's side with a time of 7:50.4. Tomomitsu Aldan, the son of former CNMI national swimmer David Palacios, came in second at 8:11.5, while Richard Zhao completed the Top 3

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